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## John Birch Society Chief Speaks Before Group Here

Robert Welch of Boston, founder of the John Birch Society, center of much controversy and discussion recently, was in Greenville last night and spoke before a group of some 80 persons at the Poinsett Club.

John W. Norwood Jr., a coordinator for the John Birch Society in this area, and W. H. Beattie were hosts for the dinner which was attended by persons from Columbia and the upper state, not necessarily members of the society, Mr. Norwood said.

Mr. Welch arrived in Greenville yesterday from Knoxville, Tenn., by private plane. With him was A. G. Heinsolin of Knoxville, president of Cherokee Mills and Stonecutting in Spindale, N. C., Mr. Norwood said.

Mr. Welch is expected to leave Greenville this afternoon for the return trip to Boston. Last Sunday in Chicago he attended a meeting of the council for the John Birch Society.

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On April 16, 1961, a regular State Meeting of the Association of South Carolina Klans was held at Columbia, South Carolina, at the usual meeting place.

It was estimated that there were 70 klansmen present, and 5 klansmen from the Florida Klan, one of which was a woman.

[redacted] and (FNU) [redacted] presided over the meeting.

[redacted] advised that motorcades had been stopped because of the trouble they had with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division at the last one. He noted that there would be 5 State Meetings a year.

Something came up about the John Birch Society and [redacted] said he would like a further study made of that organization to see if the Klan couldn't work with that group in some way.

[redacted] said that he wanted at least 10,000 members in the Association and wanted each Klavern to get the membership. During the course of his speaking, [redacted] defended the actions of [redacted] as something that just had to be done.

A resolution was adopted to send petitions to the City Council of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, urging them to close the city golf course rather than integrate it.

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It was noticed that there were no klansmen present from the Charleston Klavern; that the Klavern with the best representation was the Lancaster Klavern with about 20 members. Those present from the Whitacre Klavern were [REDACTED]

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# Founder Welch's Home County to Have Birch Society

By RICHARD J. GONDER  
Virginian-Pilot Staff Editor

EDENTON, N.C. — Arthur Lyon, until World War II, when he became a Baptist missionary in China, was a tall young man with a heavy shock of light brown hair, a square jaw and serious war mien. He stood before the Edenton Rotary Club last week and said he was there "to preach bad news."

He is the coordinator in North Carolina for the John Birch Society. A chapter of the organization is expected to be formed in Edenton Thursday night. The session will last three hours. The first 2 hours and 15 minutes will be consumed by a filmed address by Robert Welch, founder of the society; a discussion led by Lyon or by a regional coordinator will occupy the remaining time.

Richard Schuman, Edenton radio station executive, had invited Lyon and introduced him at the Rotary meeting. His address was impromptu.

## WELCH BIRTHPLACE

Lyon said it was fitting for a society chapter to be established in Edenton, the home of many of young America's most illustrious patriots. It was further fitting, he said, for it to be in Chowan County, where Robert Welch was born and lived his early boyhood.

Welch attended schools in Elizabeth City, graduated from the University of North Carolina at the age of 16, and, after two years each at the United States Naval Academy and the Harvard Law School, became an executive of a candy company in Boston.

The society was founded in 1958 in the name of John Birch, who was a Baptist missionary in China until World War II, when he became a captain in the U.S. Army. He died two weeks after the war. In the words of the society, he was "murdered by the Chinese communists."

## THE ONLY ENEMY

Welch tells his followers: "Our enemy is the communists and we do not intend to lose sight of that fact for a minute. We are fighting the communists — nobody else."

Lyon told the Rotarians that

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Arthur Lyon (left) talks with Richard Schuman at Edenton.

"The communists are gaining in America through every piece of socialistic legislation."

He charged that the United States State Department knew that Cuba's Castro was a communist as early as 1958, yet referred to him "as a Cuban George Washington, or Robin Hood."

He assailed the press for "smearing" the society and its founder and for its "lack of objectivity" in dealing with the two.

In the question period Lyon was asked about Welch's referral to ex-President Eisenhower as a "witting tool of the communists."

Lyon said this was "an unfortunate phraseology."

What was meant, he explained, was that Eisenhower "permitted socialistic legislation to go on the books."

Following his address, Lyon was asked for an interview on a personal basis.

He demurred, saying personal publicity is against the society's policy. He consented on the point that, because of his position, the

public now has a right to know who Arthur Lyon is.

#### GRADUATE OF DUKE

He is a native of High Point, is 36, and a graduate of Duke University, where he majored in economics.

"I took every Ec course they had and swallowed a lot of socialistic doctrines at Duke," he said.

After college he went with the International Business Machines Company, later took a position with the Reynolds Metals Company and then became general manager of a large eastern lumber distributing company. He said his salary at the last firm was \$30,000 a year.

While serving on committees in High Point P-TA work, he said, he became increasingly aware of socialistic trends. He found these, he said, in publications for members as well as those available to students.

Lyon learned of the John Birch Society upon "reading newspaper

smears" concerning formation of a chapter in Kinston.

"I went down there to see those people and find out what it was about," he said.

#### GIVEN 'BLUE BOOK'

Lyon was impressed by the information. He was given a "Blue Book," the bible of the society, written by Welch. He began to read literature suggested by the society — including "Red Star Over Cuba."

Not all the publications were readily available in High Point, but the exchange system between North Carolina libraries and the libraries of the state universities was productive.

Last spring Welch was in North Carolina. Lyon heard him first in Burlington and talked with him afterwards at some length.

Later, after another talk with Welch following a speech in Greensboro, Lyon accepted the position as the only paid coordinator in the state.

His salary is less than one

third of what he was making with the lumber company — a fact which caused his mother-in-law to express some astonishment, he said.

His guidance, though, was in his personal question:

"Does social acceptance mean more than what is right and honest?"

There are at least two other coordinators, on a volunteer basis, in North Carolina, which now has 40 active chapters of the society, besides smaller working groups of individuals.

#### FATHER OF 3

Lyon has three children — two boys and a girl. He took their pictures from his billfold.

"I would be doing less than my duty if I didn't try to see that this country is free for them," he said.

His dedication to the personality and purposes of Welch is intense. He said Welch was introduced in Greensboro as "the greatest living American."

He was asked if he believed that.

"If I didn't, I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing now," he replied. "Everything Welch says is completely documentable."

"The society is called ultra-conservative when actually we are the true liberals."

He said the society would not accept membership from followers of the White Citizens Council or the Ku Klux Klan, "because they are out to keep some other group from having liberty."

"If I were a Negro and took my child into a 10-cent store to buy a toy and couldn't sit down at the counter and buy him a hot dog, I would be fighting mad."

"Yet we believe very strongly in freedom of association. If I want to go into business with a colored man, that's my right; if I don't want to, that's also my right."

#### JEWS SOLICITED

Lyon said the society has been accused of being anti-Semitic.

"This simply is not so. I have

personally solicited membership from Jewish people.

"Our group is Christian, ethical and patriotic — we don't represent any factional interest."

Authoritarian? Of course, Lyon said, Welch is an authoritarian.

"Any organization has to have authoritative leadership."

"We're not going to degenerate into a debating society."

Dictatorship? "We're after American patriots and American patriots would not stand for a dictatorship."

Lyon was asked to name five Americans whom he considers to be outstanding patriots. Saying

they were not necessarily in order of importance, but all of them he would be willing "to trust my birthright to," he named these:

Robert Welch; Gen. Douglas MacArthur; Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va.; Dr. Revilo P. Oliver, chairman of Romance Languages of the University of Chicago and member of the Birch Society council; and Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C.

Of Thurmond, he said, his selection was on the basis of Thurmond's being a strong constitutionalist, but not necessarily

agreeing with some of Thurmond's attitudes.

He was asked to name some newspapermen whom he respected. He named: James Jackson Kilpatrick, editor of the Richmond News Leader; William F. Buckley, editor of the magazine National Review; Paul Harvey, radio news commentator; and Fulton Lewis Jr., radio news commentator.

Lyon said he is convinced that the days are short for Americans "to rise against communism in this country."

"If I am wrong, it will be the greatest relief to me, but the more I investigate, the greater is my concern."

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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The 7/18/61 issue of The Virginia-Pilot, a Norfolk, Va., daily newspaper, carried an article entitled "Founder Welch's Home County to have Birch Society". This article reflected that ARTHUR LYON, High Point, N. C., *only* Coordinator for the John Birch Society in North Carolina, was in Edenton, N. C., during July, 1961, for the purpose of setting up a new chapter of this organization in that city.

According to this article, there are 40 active chapters of this organization in North Carolina, besides smaller working groups or individuals.

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## Birch Society Explained By High Pointer

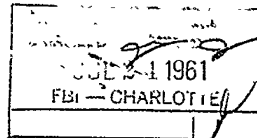
EDENTON (AP)—Arthur Lyon of High Point, the North Carolina coordinator of the John Birch Society, introduced the organization to the home county of its founder at a meeting here Thursday night.

About 25 persons heard the aims of the society outlined by Lyon. A film was shown in which Robert Welch, the society founder, discussed the spread of communism in the world and infiltration of Communists into this country.

Welch said the purpose of the society is to have less government, more freedom of the people and a better world.

Welch was born in the Cannons Ferry section of Chowan County in 1899.

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## AS OTHER EDITORS SEE IT

From The Louisville Courier-Journal

### Don't Kill Dogs To Cure Fleas, John Birch

If one basic flaw of outfalls like the John Birch Society could be singled out, it would probably be their tendency, in their efforts to fight communism, to destroy the very virtues that make our system superior to that of the Communists. A local debate between the Rev. Philip Smith and Attorney Richard Oldham concerning the film "Operation Abolition" illustrates the point.

Actually, the film is a phony. It is misleading to the point of being dishonest. It leaves impressions of events that did not happen. It distorts those that did. It was made by the House Un-American Activities Committee to discredit anyone criticizing the committee, and to win public support to insure the committee the lavish congressional appropriations that it spends each year in activities that do not assist the fight against communism.

The film purports to show that the protests of San Francisco students against the tactics of the committee during hearings there were Communist-inspired and directed. To support this thesis, the film shows Harry Bridges on the spot of the student "riot." It shows a student being dragged away for "clubbing a policeman." It shows bloody policemen and "rioting students," and so forth.

The fact is that the shot of Bridges was taken later, and dubbed into the film to give the impression he was on the scene, when he was not. The fact is that his appearance at the courthouse had nothing to do with the student protests. The fact is that the "riot-

ing" student shown being dragged away was later found innocent of hitting the policeman. The fact is that the student demonstration was peaceful, and the violence erupted only when police attacked at the behest of committee officials, who then turned the scene into "evidence" of Communist activity. The fact is—as newspapers widely reported later—that the concerned students, when interviewed, stoutly denied any direction by or association with Communists of any kind. The fact is that no proof of any Communist connection was ever established by the committee.

The film, of course, does not bring out these facts. But its mistakes, according to Mr. Oldham, are "unimportant." Coming from an attorney, this is a startling statement. Certainly it has been our impression that American jurisprudence considered it of great importance whether a man was at the scene of a crime or happened to walk by hours later. Surely the fact that a man shown as accused is actually innocent of the accusation is not unimportant in courts of justice. We cannot believe that any reputable attorney, such as Mr. Oldham, can conscientiously defend the presentation of manufactured evidence. We do not believe that he can seriously propose a decision based on a presentation of less than the full truth or on a deliberate distortion of truth.

The innocence of the accused until proven guilty, a fair and full defense for every man, a respect for fact, however unpleasant, the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth—these are the familiar cornerstones of American justice.

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**ROBERT WELCH, NATIVE  
OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY  
AND FOUNDER OF THE  
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The purpose of this editorial is NOT to LAUD or CON-  
DEMN Robert Welch or the  
aims and accomplishments of  
the John Birch Society but...

1—To call the attention to  
many of our readers that he  
is a native of our Albemarle  
section. (The Welch home still  
stands between New Hope and  
Woodville in Perquimans Coun-  
ty). And as one of the ob-  
jectives of the Pasquotank  
Historical Society is to record  
important current events and  
the accomplishments of our  
Albemarle sons for future gen-  
erations, we are following his  
career.

2—To call attention to an  
article by a senior editor of  
Look Magazine in its issue of  
September 26, now on sale at  
the newsstands, about the  
John Birch Society.

3—To point out that Welch  
believes in fighting fire with  
fire and that his energy and  
determination, judging from  
the sizeable amount of pub-  
licity the Society has received  
in recent months, has made a  
distinct ripple on the Ameri-  
can and perhaps international  
political pond in both thought  
and action.

4—In reading the above ar-  
ticle one cannot help but  
pause and reflect that our  
American Way of Life estab-  
lished when our forefathers  
settled this Country is rapidly  
deteriorating due to pressure  
groups and organizations seek-  
ing to force legislation on us  
that does not conform to our  
convictions. The early settlers  
believed in freedom of speech,  
worship and the right of self  
government.

We would do well to elect  
our governmental officials  
from township on up through  
the national level by the old  
fashioned way of individual  
thought and action rather  
than by the influence of pres-  
sure groups that we may or  
may not be affiliated with.

do not express OUR IN-  
DIVIDUAL TRUE INTENT.  
This can be corrected in one  
way—Keep ourselves better  
informed and take more posi-  
tive action.

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## Robert Welch Hits Democracy

CHICAGO (AP) — Robert W. Welch, founder of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society, yesterday described democracy as "mob rule," and "the worst form of government there is." He made the statements in an address to the seventh annual constitution day convention of We, The People, a conservative political action and anti-Communist group.

Welch told his audience of 600: "Our founding fathers knew what democracy was and they didn't want it."

He contended that this country had been governed by a Republican form of government until the administration of Woodrow Wilson, when it shifted to a democracy.

"A republic," he said, "is rule by law; a democracy is rule by the mob."

Three top officers were re-elected at the convention's closing session. They are Dr. Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Okla., president; Thomas E. O'Connor of Chicago, treasurer; and Harry T. Everingham of Chicago, executive vice president.

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## Birch Leader Hits At 'Fools In High Places'

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**  
SPINDALE — "America is losing its guts," a leader in the John Birch Society told a large gathering here last night.

Tom Anderson, 50-year-old Nashville, Tenn., publisher and member of the national council of the Birch Society, blasted the federal government on a large number of issues in his speech before a group of Spindale Mills supervisory personnel, community pastors, county officials, aldermen from other communities, teachers and principals.

"WE CAN'T have federal aid and freedom," Anderson said. "A government big enough to give you all is big enough to take all you've got."

In attacking the government's agricultural program, he said the farmers of Spain, in many respects, have more freedom than farmers in the U.S., even though the Spaniards live under a dictatorship.

Anderson hit the foreign trade politics and the foreign

aid programs, saying the government was unwittingly giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

"I think we are being ruled by evil men . . . dupes and dogooders, fatheads and fools in high places are more dangerous to this country than a mere Communist," he said.

"We try to buy and bribe the world. America is losing its moral indignation. America is losing its guts," he said.

ANDERSON is publisher of Farm and Ranch Magazine. Among those attending the meeting were Sen. Sam Ervin, who spoke briefly.

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## She Admires Robert Welch

And these she indicated are part of a Communist coup to take over the United States so that we can awake one morning to find that millions of our citizens are being executed by these elements.

In answer to questions she flatly stated:

The executive branch of the government, including President Kennedy is dominated by the Communist element.

Robert Welch, founder of the Birch Society, in her opinion is a greater patriot than JFK.

The judicial branch of the government especially the Supreme Court, is Communist dominated.

The State Department and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare is Communist dominated.

In fact, the only major branch of the government which is not dominated by the Communist element is Congress.

Having tagged Urban Redevelopment programs as tools of Communists to "size private property for themselves", she was asked how, then, this had been passed be a Congress which she had absolved of Communist domination.

"I didn't say," she added, "that there aren't some Communists in Congress."

The Rockefeller Foundation, she said, "is an international socialist conspiracy, don't you know that?"

And, when asked if this meant Secretary of State Dean Rusk, former president of that foundation, were a Communist, she hesitated, then said, "It makes him suspect."

The National Council of Churches opposes the "Operation Abolition" film, she said, because it is dominated by Communists who direct its decisions.

True, her own church is a member of the council, as are most other Protestant churches but "we must remove our churches from this membership".

## Rear Admiral Is The Man

She made other wild statements including a veiled one about our entire government getting its "daily orders from 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago" which, it was intimated, is the headquarters for subversives.

Some of the literature she had on hand carried only the address "Alert, P. O. Box 2690, Charlotte, N. C."

Asked who heads this movement or for other information on the source of this material she turned to the other lady and asked, "Am I permitted to say?" She finally said "a Rear Admiral Miller is the man."

There were, in the audience, men of strong conservative political philosophies who saw in this program and the manner in which it was presented, a threat to American democracy as terrifyingly formidable as communism itself. And to their good credit they said so. May they continue to say so.

For the message of this "new" crusade is not new. It was heard from the scream-parched throat of Gerald L. K. Smith for years.

And if it ever succeeds Americans will know real fear... wondering who is writing the glossary which brands a man a Communist and whether that glossary includes United Appeal, a school tax, urban renewal, union membership and a church in which members can decide their own manner of worship.

Intelligent Americans, especially conservatives to whom this "new appeal" is directed, will, I believe, have no part of it.

# Kays Gary



## These 'Conservative Patriots' Shouldn't Stampede Americans

It happened in church.

Two ladies were there with a "patriotic program" designed to "awaken our people to the dangers of communist infiltration of this country."

The program's feature was the film, "Operation Abolition". This is the controversial film which purports to prove that San Francisco student demonstrations against the House Un-American Activities Committee were communist-inspired and directed. Clever film editing leaves no doubt of this in the uninformed viewer's mind.

There is neither time nor space in this single column to argue merits or demerits of this film which the National Council of Churches, the Protestant voice of America, deems unworthy of serious consideration.

And to oppose or denounce it without adequate documentation of reasons is to invite prima facie conclusions that opposition stems from Communist leanings.

But one can report the manner in which it was presented by one of the ladies, a member of one of this city's largest churches.

She identified herself as a "conservative patriot" adding that these are dirty words to "liberal socialist elements who run this country."

Then, as enemies of "conservative patriots" and America she tied into one neat package liberals, socialists, Communists, high taxes, local government consolidations, welfare programs, racial dissension, violence, rape, thievery, urban redevelopment, United Nations, etc.

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## IN CITY PARK FRIDAY

# Birch Leader To Talk At U. S. Day Program

By DIANNE WOODSIDE  
Greenville's local "volunteer coordinator" for the John Birch Society, controversial anti-Communist organization, will be the featured speaker at United States Day services here tomorrow.

John W. Norwood Jr., attorney, will deliver a 10-minute address entitled "Our Country and the Communist Menace" at the 4:30 p.m. ceremony at McPherson Park.

Mr. Norwood reported today, "Anything I say of a political nature would necessarily include John Birch matter. I say this because I endorse it so heartily." He explained that though his talk will revolve around John Birch tenets — the society will not be mentioned by name tomorrow.

The speaker will talk about the society's slogan: "Less government and more responsibility on the part of individuals."

Mr. Norwood, in explaining his office as "volunteer coordinator," stated the society has no county or state organizations; it is set up locally with 10 or 20 members in a group. The volunteer coordinator is authorized to set up local chapters.

The ceremony, tomorrow, fifth annual observance here of United States Day, will include the welcome by City Parks and Recreation Department Director Carl M. Hust and the invocation by Northminster Presbyterian Church minister Rev. W. C. Cumming.

Pack 2 of Cub Scout Den 9 will present the colors and the audience will give the pledge to the United States flag.

Mayor David G. Traxler Sr. will be presented by Mr. Hust and will introduce City Council members James H. Simkins, Dr. Thomas Brockman, Mrs. Alden Simpson, Gus Smith, John Mann and Dr. Thomas Parker.

Dr. Parker, John Birch Society member, will introduce Mr. Norwood. The benediction will be pronounced by Mr. Mann.

Six sets of bleachers will be erected for the public. Mr. Hust said the ceremony will be held in Sears Shelter if it rains.

Among the audience will be all major teams and coaches in the various football leagues in the city football program.

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### John Birch Meet Flops

By Staff Correspondent

GREENVILLE — An advance-publicized United States Day observance which featured an address by the chairman of the local John Birch Society flopped here Friday.

John W. Norwood spoke at a McPherson Park gathering which included eight adult spectators, three children and nine news media representatives.

Mayor David Traxler and members of City Council attended, but the mayor stressed in brief remarks that "we are here as representatives of the city and not of any society or club."

A Cub Scout pack had been invited to be present and present the allegiance to the American flag, but none of them showed up. Junior football league members had been invited, but none attended.

Norwood was introduced by Dr. Thomas Parker, member of City Council and member of the John Birch Society.

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## My, That's A Lot Of Preachers

We are sure that the fears of Robert Welch, the fudge manufacturer who founded the John Birch Society, are very real to him. He considers the internal Communist menace greater than the external one, and he apparently fears the Protestant clergy more than any other single group.

In a recent speech on Long Island, Welch repeated his charge that "the largest single body of Communists in America is in our Protestant clergy."

Of course, he added, rather magnanimously we thought, that even so the total number of Communist-indoctrinated ministers "was less than 4 per cent" of the Protestant clergy.

It occurred to us that if this were true, the FBI has an impossible task, for even 4 per cent must amount to 10,000 or 12,000 clergymen — a monstrous tailing job if we ever saw one.

We were particularly interested, then, a week later when the No. 2 man of the FBI, William C. Sullivan, made a speech in Dallas, Texas. The speech, we take it, was squeezed in between Sullivan's real assignments of keeping men of the cloth under close scrutiny.

At any rate, Sullivan must not have had his heart in his work that night. He said the Communist Party has never substantially infiltrated the American clergy.

Obviously, he must have been bought off by his host — the Highland Park Methodist Church — he added: "There can be no doubt as to the loyal-

ty of the overwhelming majority of the clergy of our nation."

Does this mean, as Welch estimated, that many thousands of our clergy are confusing the Communist Manifesto with the New Testament?

Well, said Sullivan, matched against the 300,000 ordained clergymen in the United States, the proportion who wittingly or unwittingly aid the Communist movement is exceedingly small.

We thought this an interesting observation and one we shall discuss with Mr. Welch the next time we see him in church.

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# Birch Society Leader Says Warren Will Be Impeached

By JACK CLAIBORNE  
Observer Staff Writer

Impeachment proceedings against U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren will be introduced in the next session of Congress, a John Birch Society leader said here Monday.

A. G. Heinsohn Jr. of Sevierville, Tenn., owner of Cherokee Mills at Sevierville and Spindale Mills at Spindale, N. C., told about 125 members of the Charlotte Textile Club, "The (Birch) Society, sponsors 'The Movement to Impeach Earl Warren.'"

"A bill of particulars will show that the school integration issue is but one of many reasons advanced for his impeachment," Heinsohn said.

"Now I realize," he said, "that many of you consider this an ill-considered project. Some of you, splitting legal hairs, doubt that cause for impeachment exists."

"Does anyone in this room deny that his appointment was a cheap, sordid, political payoff?"

"Does anyone deny that Earl Warren is the only chief justice in our country's history with no judicial experience?"

"Does anyone deny that his arrogant reversal of long-standing traditions has weakened the status of their sovereignty and has concentrated forbidden power in Washington?"

"Does anyone deny that his decision in the Communist conspiracy case was a miscarriage of justice?"

have been gleefully hailed by our enemies, both at home and abroad?"

"The impeachment process was put into the Constitution for the very purpose of bringing a public servant accused of misconduct into the House of Representatives for questioning," Heinsohn said.

"If, through cowardice or defeatism, we have reached the point in America where appointment to office transforms ordinary citizens into deities, above reproach, and beyond the reach of the people, then this Republic is dead," he said.

In a federal impeachment proceeding, the U. S. House must bring action charging an official with wrongdoing. The charge is then tried before the U. S. Senate.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed Warren to the nine-man Supreme Court. A majority of the court must concur in an opinion before it can become effective. All members of the court concurred in the 1954 school desegregation decision.

Heinsohn recommended to his audience the titles of three books whose publication in paperback editions is being sponsored by the John Birch Society.

One of the three, "Nine Men Against America," by Rosalie Gordon, documents carefully the Supreme Court decisions that are in open conflict with the Constitution.

"No red-blooded American can read this book and have the slightest doubt that the members of the Supreme Court should be investigated by Congress."

The other two books he recommended were "I Saw Poland Betrayed," by Andrew Ellis Lane, and "The World Subverted," by John Edgar Hoover.

intention to bring out paperback editions of nine other books dealing with the Communist conspiracy and to sell the package of 13 books under the slogan, "one dozen candles for \$10," he said.

Defending the Birch Society from its detractors, he said that despite the "blast of lies" aimed at destroying it, the society has continued to grow.

Citing attacks upon the society by "dishonest" reporters in "The People's World" (which he called "a Communist party mouthpiece of San Francisco"), to "Time" magazine, and by television channels, Heinsohn said:

"Now think for a moment. Has the John Birch Society enslaved millions of people anywhere on earth? Has the John Birch Society taken away anybody's freedom anywhere in the world? Has the John Birch Society run up with Cuba?"

"The answer to these questions is 'No.' The John Birch Society is not responsible for these injustices, but it is in a position to bring them to the attention of the American people."

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## Birch Society Leader Speaks

Members of the Charlotte Textile Club took a holiday from import problems yesterday to hear a John Birch Society representative talk about impeachment proceedings.

A. G. Heinselm Jr. of Knoxville, Tenn., president of textile mills at Sevierville, Tenn., and Spindale, said the Birch Society will push impeachment proceedings in the next session of Congress against U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.

The school integration issue, he explained, is only one of many reasons advanced for the justice's suggested impeachment.

Mr. Heinselm reported the Birch Society is continuing to grow despite "the blast of lies" aimed at destroying it.

He told of the society's plans to sponsor issuance of a group of paper-bound books dealing with the Communist conspiracy for world domination. He said a package of 12 books will be sold under the label "One Dozen Candles for \$10."

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## A Big Project For The Birch Society

It isn't just that Chief Justice Warren wrote the desegregation decision, John Birch Society leader A. Z. Hainsohn told the Charlotte Textile Club this week. Another of the reasons that in the Birchist view justify the impeachment of Warren is his lack of prior judicial experience.

Such experience doubtless would have served Justice Warren well. Certainly it would have reduced considerably the number of his critics who merely wish for some shrinkage in his view of the court's role or for some improvement in the style of his decision - writing. But if lack of prior experience was grounds for impeachment, the list of illustrious names in American jurisprudence would have to be whittled sharply.

John Marshall would have to go along with Roger Brooke Taney, of Dred Scott fame. Struck, also, would be the names of Brandeis, Stone, Curtis, Moody, Hughes, and many others.

Similarly, if impeachment through the

years had been the penalty for political appointments, which is another Birchist indictment of Warren, the list of eminent jurists would have to be reduced still further. Justice Clark, one of the more conservative jurists on the present court, would have to come off forthwith.

To come right down to it, it's doubtful that any of Earl Warren's failings, faults or weaknesses are unique. Certainly it would be next to impossible to impeach him without impeaching other members of the court who have shared in his decisions and without impeaching the history of the Supreme Court.

It is a mysterious blend of experience, outlook and capacities that goes into the shaping of great jurists. The formula of the blend may not be definable but since it seems to have a taste for undertaking unlikely projects, the Birch Society might have a go at it. Nothing will come of the impeachment project.

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# Bircher Explains Society

B'nai B'rith  
Hears Leon Clark

By DOUGLAS CONNAH, JR.  
Observer Staff Writer

A Charlotte member of the John Birch Society faced a group of questioning Jews Sunday night that wanted to know all about his organization.

What he told the group was that the society was a small band of American patriots whose activities were mostly limited to reading books and writing letters about the threat of internal communism.

People misunderstood this, he said, because the society was constantly being maligned by the Commie ratpack of the press and airwaves in the United States.

The man was Leon L. Clark, president of Holly Smith Camera Stores, volunteer co-ordinator of the John Birch Society in Mecklenburg County and the surrounding area. He spoke at Temple Israel before members of B'nai B'rith, a Jewish fraternal organization.

Instead of making a speech, Clark read the text of a talk made here last Monday by A. G. Heinsohn Jr. of Sevierville, Tenn., a John Birch Society leader. Clark said Heinsohn's talk gave a good explanation of the society's aims.

Heinsohn had told members of the Charlotte Textile Club that impeachment proceedings would be introduced in Congress against Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States, for "his decisions favoring the Communist conspirators within our midst."

He also made the original statement about the society's aim to spread the truth which was being blocked by the "Commie ratpack of the press and airwaves."

After having read the speech, Clark, a short, soft-spoken man, answered questions.

What did he mean, someone wanted to know, about the "Commie ratpack?"

"I don't feel qualified to explain what someone else says," Clark answered.

Someone else wanted to know if the society honestly felt the Supreme Court had been infiltrated by Communist ideas.

"Nobody has made that accusation," Clark said. "The Supreme Court has been accused of—let's see, what have they been accused of? They have not lived up to their oath of office."

That oath, he said, was to uphold the Constitution.

Clark's audience asked for more documentation of charges he had mentioned in Heinsohn's speech. In what way had Edward R. Murrow, the "ratpack" press, and certain religious leaders been irresponsible?

"Everything that's been said in this talk has been documented," Clark said. "I didn't come prepared to back up everything I said, but it is

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available. "I can supply it to you."

What positive program, another questioner wanted to know, does the John Birch Society have?

"I'll have to give you a Blue Book (which outlines the society's aims) and let you read that," Clark answered.

He said the program very definitely was positive, although it began negatively because communism must be destroyed.

Clark's repeated reference to books on the society's reading list led one person to ask: "Are you a salesman?"

Clark told his audience that "individual freedom is held above everything in the society." He also said, "We will fight for your right to worship as you please."

Several rabbis, he said, were members, as were a number of Catholics. The society has been very careful not to align itself with any other groups, he said, such as the Ku Klux Klan.

On the society's local membership, Clark said, "The membership is definitely not at my disposal. I don't know."

On the society's press treatment, he said, "It would be a good thing if we could get in our American newspapers both sides of the story." But, he added, a great percentage of papers are slanted toward socialism.

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## The Head Bircher Must Put Up Or Shut Up on These Charges

The leader of the John Birch Society should put up or shut up. He has been making outrageous charges for months, but those he made in a speech last night in Austin, Texas, are so completely absurd and insane that they should not go unnoticed.

Robert Welch, the head Bircher, said that the United States government has been "the most powerful single force supporting the steady, world-wide Communist advance." He said governmental support of communism was carried out "while always pretending, of course, to oppose that advance."

He said "a comparatively few thousands Communists, concentrated in key departments and agencies of our government," have done "a terrific job of determining both the policies and the actions of those agencies and departments — and hence indirectly of our whole government."

He estimated that about 7,000 Protestant ministers, or three per cent, in the United States are "consymp — a man who is either a Communist or sympathizer with Communist purposes."

Welch claims to be a patriotic American citizen in view of that claim, and in view of the charges he made in this speech and

in other of his speeches, there is only one clear path for him to take. Since he says he is a patriotic American citizen, he must bring actual charges against former President Truman, against former President Eisenhower and against President Kennedy for having participated in "the most powerful single force supporting the steady world-wide Communist advance." For, if the American government has been doing that, it most surely has been doing it at the direction of Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy and if those honored men have been so working against the interests of America, they should be brought into court and punished.

Welch says there are a comparatively few thousand Communists concentrated in key departments and agencies of our government. He must now provide a list of the names of those people, with proof of their communism.

He says there are about 7,000 Protestant ministers who are Communists or sympathizers with Communist purposes. He must now provide a full list of the names of those Protestant ministers.

If Welch doesn't do these things, he proves to all the world that his charges are as baseless as they are outrageous.

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On 12/12/61, [redacted] *Jdy*  
Wilmington, N. C., telephonically advised that WKIM, a local radio  
station, Wilmington, N. C., carries a 30 minute program, Monday  
through Friday of each week at 8:30 A.M., which discusses the  
Communist menace to the United States and in a recent broadcast  
made the statement that there were 7,000 "Red" clergymen in the  
United States. [redacted] stated she believes the John Birch  
Society is behind these taped broadcasts and that she has received  
information that one [redacted] of Tucson, Arizona, is the person *Jdy*  
who prepares or sponsors the tapes for broadcast through various  
radio stations in the United States.

The foregoing is furnished Phoenix Office for information.

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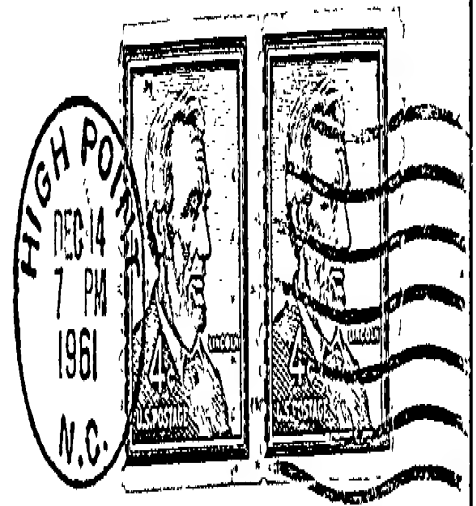
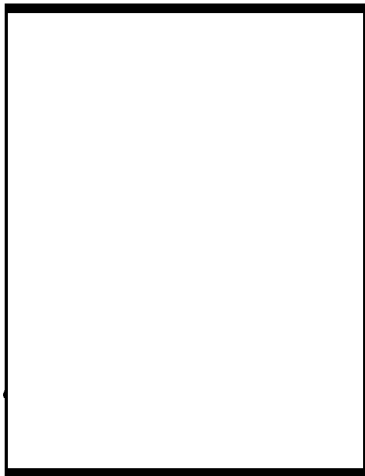
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# AS OTHER EDITORS SEE IT

From the Akron Beacon-Journal

## What's Extremists' Secret?

The October "bulletin" of the John Birch Society contains, along with the usual book-selling pitch and diatribe against Chief Justice Earl Warren, a plea for members to write letters to the Preparedness Investigating subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Birch Society Founder Robert Welch wants his followers to demand a thorough investigation of Pentagon policy with regard to political statements by military officers, or, as Welch puts it, "the Fulbright program to intimidate and muzzle patriotic and high-ranking officers in our military services."

We hope the investigation will be thorough, too, though the questions we should like to see answered may not be the same ones that are troubling Welch.

We should like to know how the Birch Society and kindred organizations like the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, Dr.

George Benson's National Education Program and Dr. Billy James Hargis's Christian Crusade contrive to inveigle military officers, retired and active, into accepting and promoting the views of these extremist groups.

A thorough investigation would show that while all of these extremist groups profess to be mainly interested in exposing and fighting Communism, they also have other purposes which they pursue with equal zeal. These other purposes usually include the advancement of nationalism and isolationism, attacks on the United Nations, criticism of the supreme Court and the creation of doubt about the loyalty of prominent Americans.

That opposition to Communism should be popular is quite understandable. The mystery is what makes these sideline activities — if they are not, indeed, the main show — so attractive to high-ranking military officers who should know better.

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TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE

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FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-9991)

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On 12/4/61, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that recently while in contact with [redacted] [redacted] advised that the following individuals, who in the past have had Klan connections, were interested in the John Birch Society in Charlotte, N.C. [redacted] identified these individuals as:

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[redacted] also identified [redacted] as a follower of GERALD L. K. SMITH, who is currently interested in the John Birch Society.

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# Birchists Scored By Speaker

A blistering attack on the John Birch Society by Arnold Aronson, civic leader and merchant, was made before the Kiwanis Club at its year-end luncheon session at the Sheraton Friday.

Aronson drew an ovation at the close of his address.

Assailing extremism, Aronson said the reason for recent appearance of so many rightwing organizations on the American scene and for success of Robert Welch's Birchites, is attributable in part to frustrations of the American people, troubles with Communism, Russia, difficulties in Laos, Vietnam, Cuba and Berlin, the U. S. lag in rocketry, in short the cold war. On the domestic front likewise frustrating are high taxes, rising living costs, the integration struggle. For all these troubles, he said, the John Birch Society offers a single solution — tear down everything that's up.

Aronson's detailed analysis of the John Birch Society and what makes it tick concluded with the observation there is no future for it in this country once its character is completely understood by the American people. He is certain Americans generally will repudiate and reject it as another unwholesome political manifestation complicating troubles of a nation that needs unity rather than be torn apart by differences.

The speaker likened the John Birch society in its structure to the monolithic, totalitarian movement that Communism is. He said the things it proposes for strengthening the United States are in many instances precisely the same programs Communists offer in trying to weaken the United States and all it stands for in eyes of the world. It was his conclusion that the American people are not so asleep to danger that they require a nationwide posse of Paul Reveres to arouse them. Everyone in his right mind is against communism.

Of the John Birch Society's members are uneasy or embarrassed by his (Welch's) more sensational views, and smears of men such as former president Eisenhower and the late George C. Marshall, it is because they allow themselves to get into a fan-tasy land with Mr. Welch," Aronson said. "It is a world whose inhabitants assume that there must be solutions that will produce victories on the international scene and resolve all domestic problems. If there is no easy solution forthcoming, there must be somewhere a conspiracy preventing it."

"Those who disagree with such views are therefore members of this conspiracy, for with them there can be no basic differences of opinion. You are a Bircher or you are a Red, or a fool, and this applies to anyone from the most conservative Republican to left-wing Socialist. Most ridiculous of all, the Birchers view the government itself, and its political leaders, as just another part of the same pack of Communist agents or dupes, with few of them to be trusted."

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# Indignation Group Slates Meeting Here

The National Indignation Conference will sponsor a meeting in High Point Senior High School auditorium Saturday at 7 p.m. The program will stress existing dangers and threats of world Communism.

Titled "America in Peril," the program will be highlighted by a closed circuit telephone hookup with former Major General Edwin A. Walker as the speaker. Ed Edward Hunter, described as an authority on psychological warfare, will be present in person to discuss methods and procedures used by communists in their quest for world domination.

Gen. Walker, who recently gave up his army career, will emphasize the communist threat to the nation as a whole. Dr. Hunter will analyze methods by which communist agents use the various instruments of free nations for their own destruction, it was announced.

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Attached is a clipping on captioned group, taken from High Point Enterprise, High Point, N. C. 1-18-62.

On 1-18-62; [REDACTED] John Birch Society, High Point, telephonically contacted writer and invited him to meeting of Conference 1-20-62. The invitation was courtesly refused due to other committments.

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## Walker Says U. S. Ally, Not Enemy In Cold War

By BRAXTON YOUNTS

Enterprise Staff Writer

Between 100 and 125 residents of Central North Carolina last night attended a meeting sponsored by the National Indignation Conference to hear telephoned address by former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker.

The address was made in Midland, Tex., and was heard by leased telephone wire in over 100 other places, according to the local leaders of the movement.

Gen. Walker told the assemblage that the country is in

dire peril and that he must criticize the national government for the first step in that direction. This, he said, was the recognition 28 years ago of the Soviet Government. Since then, the two countries have been enemies.

A solution to the problem, he continued, is for citizens to keep the country "Christian, sovereign and free." Referring to the framers of the Constitution, he said they knew that no man and no government should be all powerful. "This is why they established a government of

limited power and placed stricter limitations on the federal government than on the individual states."

Now, he said, the country is beset by little men who want to get increased power. "Those who want co-existence and collaboration."

Included in his speech were remarks about those leaders who advocated the overthrow of Batista in Cuba, describing him as a cruel dictator. Yet, he said, these same people assured this country's citizens

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that Castro was not Communist. Those who opposed Castro were described as "McCarthyites," Walker stated.

He described the United Nations as a modern Tower of Babel. The people there, he said, "don't speak the same language; even though they have the best of translators."

"In the past 20 years the United States has acted as an ally rather than an enemy in the Cold War."

Gen. Walker resigned his commission last November. Referring to this, he asked, "If I was not permitted to talk of Communism, will a soldier ever be able to fight Communism?"

He scored the past policies of the leaders in national government, regarding communism.

He also said that the U. S. has the best equipped soldiers, as well as the best economy; to back up the U. N. and to furnish most of its troops. He asked "If it is right for those troops to be expected to give up their love of country for devotion to the U. N. and its dictates."

Others on last night's program which began at 7 p.m. and lasted until after 10:30, included Rev. James Allred, who led the devotions; Arthur Kelly of Thomasville, state chairman of the Conference; and Edward Hunter, introduced as an authority on "psychological warfare."

Kermit Hale of Thomasville acted as master of ceremonies.

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## Editorial Research

# Anti-Communist Upsurge

A five-day School of Anti-Communism opened in Oakland, Calif., Monday. It is patterned after earlier projects in St. Louis, Los Angeles, and other cities. On the same day a "national anti-Communist leadership school," bringing together a wide range of organizations, will be held in Tulsa.

Anti-Communism covers about as wide a range in the political spectrum as do left-wing activities. As such it deserves to be reported, and, in so far as possible, to be analyzed.

The impulse to equate anti-Communism with a revival of McCarthyism should be avoided. A practical reason was given by former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, an ardent foe of both McCarthyism and political stand-patism, in a telecast of Jan. 21. Sen. McCarthy, said Lehman, had no organization, whereas the rightist groups of today are highly organized and disciplined.

As an example, the five-day national anti-Communist leadership school in Tulsa, Okla., in late January and early February brings together representatives of the following organizations: the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, the John Birch Society, the National Indignation Convention, We, the People, the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, the Liberty Lobby, Fact Finders, Young Americans for Freedom, the Constitution Party, and Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as such state organizations as New Mexicans for Freedom and local groups such as the Orange County (Calif.) Anti-Communist League.

Mayors of 35 cities in the San Francisco

Bay area signed a proclamation designating Jan. 23-Feb. 2 as "Anti-Communism Week" in connection with the School of Anti-Communism being conducted in that period in Oakland by the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade.

McCarthyism, in its literal sense, was essentially apolitical; McCarthy, himself a Republican, aimed some of his harshest criticism at President Eisenhower. Organized anti-Communism to some extent does cut across party-lines on the faculty of the Oakland school is Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D. Conn.)—and one of its most dedicated leaders, Robert H. Welch, Jr., has gone so far as to describe Eisenhower as a "conscious, dedicated agent of the Communist conspiracy." But today's anti-Communism is perhaps more clearly identified with the right wing of the Republican party than was Sen. McCarthy.

McCarthy never lacked for funds, but he never enjoyed the prosperity our present anti-Communists do. Gross receipts of the Christian Crusade have been estimated at \$63,000 in 1957; \$300,000 in 1960; \$1 million in 1961.

McCarthyism, to the extent that it was a movement at all, was a grass roots movement, blanketing the country. Organized anti-Communism seems still to be regional, concentrated perhaps in Los Angeles and Texas. But it is spreading.

Organized anti-Communism appears to have considerable commercial appeal. The Richfield Oil Co. recently sponsored a three-hour rally—Hollywood's Answer to Communism—over a TV network of 35 stations in six Western states. Technicolor Corp. and Schick Safety Razor Co. will sponsor local television coverage (KTVU) of the Oakland School. Indeed, according to Broadcasting, "Communism has suddenly emerged as the hottest new program subject in television." McCarthy occasionally received free network time, but never, if memory serves, was he sponsored.

Finally, McCarthy limited himself pretty much to attacks on alleged Communists and homosexuals. Harper's magazine recently listed these titles of wider range as available at a Conservative Bookstore in Houston: "The Income Tax—Root of All Evils," "A Youthful Priester of the Confederacy—What the Historians Left Out," and "How to Plan an Anti-Suicide Seminar."

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was contacted in connection with existing Bureau program  
of contacting radio stations and news media outlets  
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John Birch Society chapter in Edenton, N. C. [redacted]  
advised that there are currently eleven members of the  
Edenton chapter and that two additional chapters are being  
organized in surrounding counties.

[redacted] stated that he feels that the Communists  
have made serious inroads in the Federal Government and  
further stated that perhaps the only solution to the Communist  
threat would be the taking up of arms by conservative  
groups such as the John Birch Society.

The foregoing is furnished the Bureau for  
information purposes since [redacted] may possibly contact  
the Bureau regarding [redacted] John Birch Society.

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# Right-Wing Bosses Divorce Birch Founder

By ROBERT S. BOYD  
Observer Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON — The right wing is backing away from Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society,

In recent weeks, Welch has been publicly disowned by such conservative leaders as Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., Sen. John Tower, R-Tex., Rep. Walter Judd, R-Minn., commentator Fulton Lewis Jr., author Russell Kirk, and the editors of the conservative weekly National Review.

All of them say Welch's passionate anti-communism and anti-liberalism goes far beyond reason, fact, or fairness. They seem to be afraid that a failure to draw a line between themselves and the man who called ex-President Dwight D. Eisenhower a Communist will backfire on the whole conservative movement.

Democratic National Chairman John Bailey, for instance, has been trying to hang Welch, like an albatross, around the neck of the Republican Party.

Republican National Chairman, William Miller heatedly denies any association between the GOP and the Birch Society.

Even some Birch Society

leaders are alarmed at Welch's extremism, and some are reportedly quitting his organization.

The repudiation of Welch reached the floor of the Senate this week.

Tower, an ardent and articulate right winger, made a short speech in praise of a long editorial, which was highly critical of Welch in the Feb. 13 issue of National Review.

Tower said the editorial makes an "all-out case" against Welch. He put it into the Congressional Record, saying, "I wish to associate myself with its conclusions."

The editorial declares that Welch is "damaging the cause of anti-communism . . . because he persists in distorting reality."

It says further that Welch refuses to make the "crucial" moral and political distinction between an active pro-Communist and an ineffectually anti-Communist liberal.

It refutes Welch's more extreme charges—such as that the U. S. backed the invasion of Cuba last spring that was a "plot by Fidel Castro and his friends in the U. S. government."

National Review also disavows other recent statements: "The CIA is on the Communist side," or "Washington has

become a part of the whole international conspiracy to win this Cold War for the Soviets."

Here's what some other conservatives are saying about Welch, as quoted in National Review:

Russell Kirk, author of "The Conservative Mind," and "Program for Conservatives," said Welch's "silliness and injustice of utterance . . . become the kiss of death for any conservative enterprise."

Judd said Welch's judgment is so flawed that it disqualifies him from leading an effective anti-Communist movement.

Goldwater said Welch should resign, or the Birch Society should disband and reorganize under different leadership.

Fulton Lewis Jr., said Welch was "silly" to press for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

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## Birchites Compared To Slavers

NEW YORK (AP)—Carl Sand-  
burg, Pulitzer prize-winning poet,  
Thursday night compared the sup-  
porters of slavery in Abraham  
Lincoln's time with present-day  
supporters of the John Birch  
Society.

Sandburg appeared on the CBS-  
TV network's "Carl Sandburg—  
Lincoln's Prairie Years" in an in-  
terview filmed at Knox College,  
Galesburg, Ill., the site of the  
Lincoln-Douglas debates.

Sandburg was asked by inter-  
viewer Howard K. Smith: "Carl,  
in the course of the debate here,  
Lincoln used the phrase 'they are  
blowing out the moral lights  
around us.' What did he mean?"

Said Sandburg: "When they say  
that whoever wants slaves has a  
right to own them, they are blow-  
ing out the moral lights around  
us."

"And I would say to those who  
are known in this hour—in this  
country as Birchers—I would say  
that those who proposed to im-  
peach a chief justice of the Su-  
preme Court of the United States,  
without saying what evidence they  
have, they are hoping that they  
blow out moral lights around us."

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# The Charlotte Observer

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Published Morning and Sunday

## Robert Welch's Blackest Day

National Review, one of the more responsible sources for the spiritual instruction of conservatives, recently took out after John Birch Society founder Robert Welch.

Then, to compound our amazement, The Charleston News and Courier editorially endorsed National Review's critical appraisal of the Blue Book's author.

We couldn't have been more surprised if Mr. Khrushchev had invited Barry Goldwater to become the manager of GUM, the monstrous Moscow department store.

But let's not kick it. National Review chose to be honest with itself and the News and Courier followed suit. They rejected Welch's leadership while conceding his good intentions.

The Charleston paper sums things up this way:

"The News and Courier was among those who received, prior to the founding of the John Birch Society, a copy of Mr. Welch's book, usually referred to as 'The Politician.' He described President Eisenhower as a conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy. He made other fantastic and ridiculous statements. The book was sent in confidence. It was so extreme that we felt no inclination to pay any more attention to it than other irresponsible material we daily see. Subsequently the book was withdrawn.

"In the meantime, thousands of concerned citizens all over the country, seeking leadership to combat the constant barrage of Communist propaganda, had joined the John Birch Society. For the most part they were not even aware of Mr. Welch's extreme — and as we see it absurd — classification of President Eisenhower and other prominent, loyal Americans. The John Birch adherents — and we know some of them personally — are loyal too. They do not deserve the

smears they undergo on account of Mr. Welch's extremism.

"We welcome National Review's timely discussion. It brings into the open things that need to be said. We quote the conclusion of the fortnightly's article as follows:

"Mr. Welch, for all his good intentions, threatens to divert militant conservative action to irrelevance and ineffectuality. There are, as we say, great things that need doing, the winning of a national election, the re-education of the governing class. John Birch chapters can do much to forward these aims, but only as they dissipate the fog of confusion that issues from Mr. Welch's smoking typewriter. Mr. Welch has revived in many men the spirit of patriotism, and that same spirit calls now for rejecting out of a love of truth and country, his false counsels."

And to that we add nothing save a reverent: "Amen!"

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# Frankly Speaking

By FRANK ROBERTS

Unfortunately, nowadays, there are too many individuals and organizations using the church as a crutch to further any number of causes, good or bad, by fair means or foul. Just such an organization has been responsible for creating dissension and unrest all over the country, and has recently decided to use our community as a testing grounds with some degree of success; although some failure. One hope of getting back to living like decent people; to eliminating the hate in our hearts, lies in the dissemination of the truth, not the printing of distorted lies as have been seen lately. We can only pray that people will not be ruled by inflated emotions, but by the truth. That, quite naturally, leads us to a discussion of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, an organization that has been, and continues to be, guided by communists or by those who follow the red line. The proof of these statements is a moment. First, though, let's reiterate a few facts about communism, itself. It denies God. It denies Christ. Communism, to enforce its will in Russia and Red China, has found it expedient to slaughter around one hundred million people. An astronomical, a frightening figure, but the facts are there for all to see. If anyone thinks they're something I made up, just contact me at the station, and I'll tell you where you can see these figures for yourself. Now, if I

were to write on the subject of communism, it would take much research and many hours of writing. However, with the few facts mentioned above, my sole purpose was to remind anyone who may have forgotten of the horrors of this political ideology. Now, back to the NAACP. This militant organization denies it is communist, or communist dominated; as you would, perhaps, expect it to. However, let's take a look at some items. Over the past fifteen years, communist, communist-front, fellow-travelling and subversive organizations have kept the NAACP president, chairman of the board, honorary chairman, 11 of 28 vice presidents, 28 of 47 directors and a number of other officials busy. This, by the way, is not guilt by association. It's well, it's just plain guilt. For instance, and this is public record, 145 of the 238 persons, or 61%, listed as national officers of the NAACP, have records of affiliation with communist organizations. Let's dig further and name names. One of the NAACP's founders is William E. Walling, a writer for communist publications. Interestingly enough, out of the five original members of the group, there was only one Negro. He's still one of the NAACP's guiding lights. He is W. E. B. DuBois, who has a communist front record that actually covers eight, single-spaced, typewritten pages. As a matter of fact, his communist record was so unsavory, the state department was unable to assign him a passport because of it. Now, a quick check on other outspoken friends of, and workers for, the NAACP. There's a



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It never fails to amaze me how anyone, but particularly ministers, can work for an organization that is so closely tied with communism, a political philosophy that denies God and Christ. It's inconsistent, insincere. By the way, last front organizations. Then, there's anyone decided to make propaganda out of this series of columns on the NAACP. Let it be front organizations to his credit, stated publicly, that this is a There's a Swedish Socialist named Gunnar Myrdal, who was not of any race or religion. One more side-note: Local NAACP leaders have never contacted me in person. Some of them have chosen to visit my boss, Mr. Dick Schuman, to correct as they put it, state-ments that I made. I did have a phone call from an NAACP member asking me who gave me authority to send a telegram to Governor Sanford regarding local NAACP activities. I think they forgot about civil rights. Believe me, on this, too. Any-thing I have said or will say anything I have printed or will print, is fact, and if anyone thinks otherwise, let them sue by the way, many, but not all.

leading exponent of what is known as modern education. His name is Theodore Brameld. According to the Attorney General's office, he's been connect- ed with at least 10 communist front organizations. Then, there's a sociologist named E. Franklin Frazier. He has 18 communist front organizations to his credit. There's a Swedish Socialist named Gunnar Myrdal, who was quoted as saying that the Ameri- can constitution is "impractical and unsuited to modern condi- tions" and that its adoption was "nearly a plot against the com- mon people." This gentleman wrote a book with sixteen obli- laboratories, every one of which had communist-front affiliations. Another NAACP leader is, of course, Harlem's Reverend Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. A couple of his quotes, and direct quotes, run as follows: "Negro-Ameri- cans admire and feel close to the Soviet Union." This state- ment was made as a part of a congratulatory statement to the communist newspaper, The Daily Worker. Another quote from Mr. Powell: "The best thing that could happen would be the passing of... the white man's world, (which) has stood for na- tionalism, racism, militarism, op- pression and barbarism." Inter- estingly enough, in early 1960, Mr. Powell said this: "Mr. (Jack) Kennedy's record (on race rela- tions) is bad for a man from Massachusetts." In late 1960, Mr. Powell said this: "Mr. (Jack) Kennedy has my full, all-out support." You can play around with those inconsistencies and make of them what you will. Now this is only the first of many columns that will deal with the NAACP and its ties with communism!

## Welch Hears Birch Group Criticized

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP)—With founder Robert Welch of the John Birch Society sitting on the platform only a few feet away, George C. Lodge, former assistant secretary of labor for international affairs, told a brotherhood meeting Sunday: "He, who in the name of anti-communism, plays on the fears or doubts of people and who questions American leaders whose proof of integrity is beyond a doubt, is not worthy to be on a platform of brotherhood."

Lodge's comment was an apparent reference to Welch, who has accused former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, among others, of being a conscious tool of the Communist conspiracy.

Welch declined comment on Lodge's statement.

Earlier, Welch had told the meeting the society is "a militant form of Americanism as opposed to the passive form that most Americans display."

"What we need," he said, "is less government, more responsibility and a better world."

Welch asserted that "three per cent of the Communists in the United States are imposing their views on 97 per cent of the people. The John Birch Society takes everything the Communists throw at them and tosses it aside."

Lodge, a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, was one of four persons awarded brotherhood scrolls. The others were Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, House Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., and Angier Biddle Duke, State Department protocol chief. Only Lodge was present.

McCormack, by telephone from Washington, warned against "the opportunist who, under the guise of 'serving' America, would abridge our civil rights, our liberties and privileges."

"All too frequently," he said, "the Communists have undermined a nation by putting one group against another, one religion against another, spreading confusion, terror and doubt in the minds of people."

Rabbi Baruch Korff said Welch was invited because of a desire to bring together all aspects of brotherhood from ultraconservative to ultraliberal.

The brotherhood meeting was sponsored by Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and civic groups in the Taunton area.

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RE: **JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

- ☐ For information      ☒ For appropriate action      ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

REMARKS:

Reurlet 2-6-62 captioned as above. Your file 100-9548. In view of [redacted] connection with the John Birch Society, it is suggested that you and personnel of your office be most circumspect in all dealings with him.

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## Clandestine Birchers

The Editor:

Of late there has been much public discussion of the John Birch Society.

Some eight months or more ago an acquaintance of mine asked me to join the John Birch Society. During our conversation I gathered that this extremist organization was against Communism, Socialism, Social Security, Income Tax and Public Schools. It sounded to me like they were a bunch of "professional aginners." The only thing I have been able to figure from what I have learned that I think they may be for is: Conspiring to throw the progress our country has made in reverse.

I prefer to be for Democracy and for Liberty and Justice for all mankind rather than against anything. I believe Social Security is performing a very needed and worthy job. I believe the Income Tax is one of the fairest methods for raising public funds yet devised. I believe our Public School System is one of the finest institutions in our country.

I told this acquaintance that my father, when a young boy, had carried around the petition for establishment of Public Schools in this State; and that my father had told me some of the wealthy men had refused to sign because they said it would mean they would be paying to educate other people's children.

This acquaintance also told me that one of the political activities of this group was requiring members to write letters to public officials along the line and dictates of their leaders.

I hear there are several of these semi-secret, political action units for whatever they call these limited well kept groups) conducting their clandestine operations in our city.

Yours for Freedom and Liberty

GILES P. CLEVELAND

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Charlotte, North Carolina  
March 8, 1962

RE: THREAT TO PICKET HEINTISH-WALKER  
DRUG STORE, 139 WEST MAIN STREET,  
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA,  
MARCH 8, 1962, RELATIVE TO VISIT  
OF U. S. SENATOR J. STROM THURMOND,  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO  
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA,  
MARCH 16, 1962  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On March 7, 1962, [redacted]  
[redacted] Spartanburg,  
South Carolina, furnished the following information:

On Friday, March 16, 1962, United States Senator  
J. STROM THURMOND, Junior Senator from the State of South  
Carolina, will be presented the Sertoma Freedom Award by  
Sertoma Club in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Publicity has  
indicated the award is to be given to Senator THURMOND because  
of his relentless crusade against Communism.

Senator THURMOND, in accepting the award, has  
stated he will make an address that will be national and  
international in scope, and that many residents of Spartanburg  
will be interested in what he has to say. As a result, the  
luncheon will be open to the public, and tickets to the event  
are being sold beginning on Thursday, March 8, 1962.

[redacted] said that newspaper publicity in  
Spartanburg on the morning of March 7, 1962, listed the  
information that tickets to this luncheon would be available  
at Heintish-Walker Drug Store in Spartanburg.

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On the late afternoon of March 7, 1962, [ ] received a local telephone call from a man who identified himself as [ ] of [ ] Spartanburg, South Carolina; that he did not have a telephone, but he could be reached by telephone by calling his friend, [ ] of [ ] Spartanburg, South Carolina, telephone 583-9351.

[ ] informed [ ] that Senator THURMOND was a member of the John Birch Society, and he had made speeches in the far West during the past month or two, on behalf of, and favorable towards, the John Birch Society. [ ] said "they" did not approve of Senator THURMOND's speech in Spartanburg, and as a result "they" would begin to picket Heintish-Walker Drug Store immediately when the tickets for the event would go on sale.

[ ] only identified one other man as a person who would picket the drug store, and that person was his friend [ ] Spartanburg, South Carolina.

[ ] asked when the tickets would go on sale, and [ ] informed him the tickets would be placed on sale on Thursday morning, March 8, 1962.

[ ] said he and his friends would be present to picket the drug store at the time tickets went on sale.

[ ] did not make any statement that the actual luncheon and speech on March 16, 1962, would be picketed, but [ ] assumed that should "they" picket the drug store where tickets to the event would be sold, the pickets would thereafter picket the speech and public appearance of Senator THURMOND.

[ ] advised that the forgoing information had been furnished to the Spartanburg, South Carolina, Police Department.

On March 8, 1962, [ ] Detective Division, Spartanburg, South Carolina, advised that Spartanburg, South Carolina, telephone number 583-9351 is presently listed to

[redacted] and that contact with her had determined that neither she nor her husband has any knowledge of the aforementioned telephone call [redacted] from a person identifying himself as [redacted] Detective [redacted] advised that as of 10:30 A.M., March 8, 1962, no picketing had started at the Heintish-Walker Drug Store, and to his knowledge there is no unusual activity there or in the vicinity.

On the morning of March 8, 1962, [redacted] Special Agent in Charge, 111th Intelligence Corps Group, Charlotte, North Carolina, was advised of the forgoing information.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (62-new)

THREAT TO PICKET HEINTISH-WALKER  
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RELATIVE TO VISIT OF U. S. SENATOR  
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CAROLINA, TO SPARTANBURG, S. C., 3/16/62  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum. Information reflected therein was furnished to SA [redacted] Contact with military intelligence was handled by SA [redacted]

For information of Bureau, local Spartanburg, S. C., directories reflect there is a [redacted] employed by [redacted] who resides on [redacted] Spartanburg, S. C., and has no telephone listed. There is no [redacted] listed in telephone or city directories, Spartanburg. Charlotte indices contain no record identifiable with [redacted]

Copies of letterhead memorandum disseminated locally to military intelligence, and the Bureau will be advised of any developments.

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## Birch Aims Explained At Davidson

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

DAVIDSON — The state coordinator of the John Birch Society explained the controversial group before Davidson College students Monday as defenders of American individualism.

Arthur Lyons of High Point spoke at the college chapel program this morning and met with about 150 students later for coffee and a barrage of questions.

Mr. Lyons told the students the Birch Society was organized because of a conviction that the moral fiber of the nation is deteriorating.

He said the society's three goals are: more individual responsibility, less government and a better world. "We believe man must develop his potentialities by recognizing his responsibilities for himself and his household," he said.

Mr. Lyons called socialism "legal, governmentalized stealing" and made it plain the society sees this happening in America.

Mr. Lyons, a fulltime Birch Society worker, also struck at compromise, saying, "Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death" has become, 'Better Red than Dead' in this country."

Davidson College has a policy of inviting speakers of all views to the campus. Charlotte Unitarian minister Dr. Sydney Freeman will talk on liberalism this week.

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On 3/5/62, [redacted] employed by [redacted]  
[redacted] who requested that his identity be protected, telephonically  
advised [redacted] of the following information:

[redacted]  
[redacted] may also be a member or affiliated with the John Birch Society. [redacted]  
was unable to elaborate on any specific comments made by [redacted] which  
led him to this conclusion but indicated that [redacted] was a very  
talkative person and was probably already known to local officials  
because of his statements regarding [redacted] the  
John Birch Society.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-9548)

DATE: 4/16/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 4/5/62, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he is acquainted with an individual in this community that is the head of the John Birch Society. He stated that if at any time the FBI needed a roster of the members of the John Birch Society in this area that he would be happy to obtain this information.

[REDACTED] stated he is a [REDACTED] specializing in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] talked for approximately 15 minutes on several different subjects and appeared to have a "detective" complex and was very eager to furnish information. He stated he was in the Intelligence Section during the war and worked on subversive matters there. He spoke very intelligently and stated that he would not hesitate to furnish the FBI with any information that he obtained which might reveal any subversive activities in this area. [REDACTED] is a white male, approximately [REDACTED] years of age, 5' 7", 180 pounds, heavy build, blond hair, receding hairline.

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# Birch Society Members Run For Congressional Seats

By RALPH DIGHTON

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Watch California's June 5 primary for a test of public sentiment about the controversial John Birch Society.

Three members of the right-wing anti-Communist group are asking Republican voters to nominate them for Congress.

Two are incumbents who face men with no political experience. Because of this they are favored to win renomination, and victory for them would not necessarily mean a vote of approval for the Birch Society.

The third race is in a newly created district where there is no incumbent. The Birch Society man, who has never held public office, faces the former mayor of one of the suburban cities in the district. If the Birch man wins, observers say, much will be due to the considerable Birch Society strength in the district.

The man insiders are watching most closely is Rep. John H. Rousselot, Republican from the 25th District, the one former Vice President Richard M. Nixon had served when he was in Congress.

Rousselot, 32, was a personal friend and political protege of Nixon—until Rousselot announced he was a member of the Birch Society. Then Nixon, who is running for governor of California, said: "There is no place on the Republican ticket for a candidate who seeks or accepts the support of the John Birch Society."

The other pro-Birch incumbent is Edgar Hiestand, a veteran of 60 who rolled into office with the Eisenhower tide in 1952. Hiestand has said he is a member of the

society, but has not made it an issue the way Rousselot has.

He has not, for instance, deliberately baited known Birch foes as Rousselot did last November when he publicly invited Democratic Gov. Edmund G. Brown to attend a society meeting.

Republican party leaders have been hesitant to endorse the three Birch men. All three come from districts in which Democrats outnumber Republicans almost two to one, and party leaders figure the "Bircher" label might make the tough job of winning in Democratic strongholds even tougher.

Political observers say Rousselot has succeeded in making anti-

communism a strong issue in his district.

In a typical speech he said: "The State Department is full of Fabian Socialists who are going in the same direction as communism. We must wake up because if we don't we won't have a country in six years."

Rousselot's district, in the industrial, middle-class San Gabriel Valley, was whittled sharply last year by a Democratic legislature.

When Rousselot defeated Rep. George Kasem in his first bid for office in 1960, the vote was 182,546 to 153,289. Today the total registration for the revamped district is 140,642, of which 87,887 are Democrats, 48,108 Republicans.

In the redistricting Rousselot lost wealthy San Marino and Arcadia, where there are many Birch Society supporters.

His opponent for the Republican nomination is politically inexperienced Thomas F. Noonan, a realtor who is strongly opposed to the Birch Society.

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4-18-62

*John Birch Society*

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☐ Director

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SAC, JACKSONVILLE [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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On 4/30/62 [REDACTED] advised that there is a scheduled meeting called on 7/4/62 at Kings Mountain, Atlanta, Georgia, of the "Patriotic Society" with invitations out to not only the various klan organizations throughout the country, but also such organizations as the "John Birch Society", the "Minutemen", the "Citizens Councils", and the like from all over the USA. → 66-2709

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: July 11, 1962

FROM :

SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

[redacted]  
[redacted] Henderson, N.C. *July*

The John Birch Society  
Info. concerning

On July 10, 1962 Capt. [redacted]

[redacted] Henderson, N.C.  
advised SA [redacted] captioned individual, a Baptist  
minister of Henderson, N.C. was on the Streets in  
Henderson, N.C. on July 9, 1962 passing out literature  
re the John Birch Society and according to Capt. [redacted]  
was a temptation to get individuals to join captioned organ-  
ization.

[redacted] furnished two articles furnished him by  
[redacted] entitled, "Why Join the John Birch Society" and  
"The John Birch Society is a Threat to Whom?". *July*

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*John Birch Society*  
cc [redacted]

*cc [redacted]*

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AMERICAN OPINION, the official organ of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, is now available at Capital Newsstand and Campbell's Drugstore at Cornell Arms in Columbia, S. C.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.  
Chapter 933  
P. O. Box 6187  
Columbia, S. C.

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1 Being circulated at UNIV OF S.C. along with  
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forthcoming integration of U.S.C.

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10/19/62

SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
INTERNAL SECURITY

There is attached for the Savannah Office a leaflet received by the Charlotte Office from an anonymous source. On the back of the leaflet is written in longhand the following notation:

"Being circulated at Univ. of S.C. along with quantities of anti-negro material concerning forthcoming integration of U.S.C."

Enclosed being furnished Savannah for information.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

DATE: 7/31/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
INTERNAL SECURITY

On 7/30/63, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that several weeks ago he received a telephone call from [REDACTED] Charlotte, N. C., telephone Express 9-8214, requesting [REDACTED] a John Birch group, Charlotte, N. C., with whom [REDACTED] is affiliated. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] stated that they met every second Tuesday of each month and that there are approximately 15 members in the "club". [REDACTED] a person by the name of [REDACTED] who is connected with the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is also connected with local John Birch Club.

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[REDACTED] advised that he intends to [REDACTED] and that he will advise results of any further contacts or results when made. [REDACTED]

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Upon receipt of any additional information concerning local Chapter of John Birch Society, appropriate letter should be prepared to the Bureau setting forth the information along with identity of any individuals involved for indexing at the Bureau.

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SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548) (c)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., CHAPTER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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On 8/13/63, [redacted]

[redacted] confidentially  
advised SA [redacted] that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,  
which for some time has had a dormant chapter in Fayetteville,  
held a meeting within the past two weeks at which time the  
following individual was elected "head" or President of  
the local unit:

[redacted] aka. [redacted]

Employed: [redacted]

He further advised the following are also reported  
to be members of the above organization:

[redacted]  
Employed: [redacted]

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Employee of [redacted]  
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Any additional information regarding the members or activities of the above organization received through established sources or public sources will be furnished to the Bureau by Charlotte.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-9548)

DATE: 8/23/63

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

SA [REDACTED] advised on 8/19/63 that  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who was, formerly [REDACTED] advised on 8/19/63 that  
[REDACTED] telephonically contacted him 8/19/63  
[REDACTED]  
the members of the John Birch Society, Charlotte.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] but to date he does not know where  
the meeting will be held. He stated he would furnish  
additional information at a later date.

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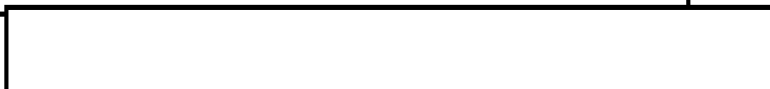
The above information is a follow-up of information b6  
reflected in memo of SA [REDACTED] 7/31/63, captioned b7C  
as above.

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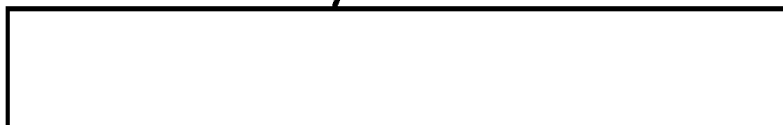
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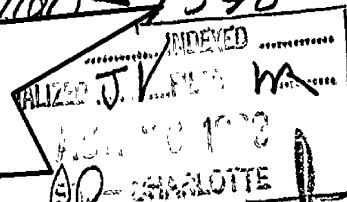
Dear



As per our discussion,



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Cordially



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## A Change In John Birch Image?

A studied effort by the official council of the John Birch Society to change the organization's public image has apparently brought the elevation of founder Robert Welch Jr. to the role of elder statesman.

Welch formed the society five years ago out of his personal concern about the Communist menace. His preoccupation with subversion in the United States earlier had prompted him to write that former President Eisenhower was a "dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."



WELCH

Defenders of the John Birch Society have long deplored the fact that critics made so much of this charge by Welch. They argue that the organization's dedication to sound, conservative government and responsible anti-communism have been brushed aside in the stampede to exploit Welch's charge.

Welch's "promotion" could mean that the 27-man council of the society is seeking to minimize his role in its affairs. The retired candy manufacturer, a North Carolina native, will continue to write the society's monthly bulletins. But the official voice of the society from now on will be that of the council.

There are other important trends within the society.

The council is seeking to change the society's reputation as a secret body. Welch's original plan of organization call-

ed for "cells" on the order of those used by the Communists. Membership rolls were to be kept secret.

But change in this arrangement is far from complete. At a testimonial dinner for Welch in Los Angeles last month, television news cameras were permitted only with the understanding that they would focus on the speaker's platform and not scan the audience.

There is some feeling that the Birch leaders are trying to lower the emotionalism of their members by emphasizing the need of goodwill, patience and tact toward those who disagree with the society's views and methods.

There's no way of being sure how far the council is willing to go in putting a damper on Welch's activities. He still has a potent vehicle for getting his views across in the monthly bulletin. The October issue reportedly urges members to give a copy of a denunciation of the United Nations, reprinted from The Congressional Record, to each child collecting on Halloween for the U. N.'s International Children's Emergency Fund.

Whatever the changes are that the council has made of late, they seem to be working to strengthen the Birch Society. Membership is climbing and the national income, reported to be \$2 million this year, is said to be doubling every seven months.

Any reduction in secrecy, emotionalism and extremism in an organization of this size could only be in the national interest. But its future actions will finally determine whether the society itself is in the national interest.

The sidetracking of Welch must be counted as a plus.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Charlotte, N. C.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] INFORMANT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 11/22/63 [redacted] telephonically contacted Greensboro, N. C., RA and requested that an Agent contact him where he was transacting some business at [redacted] Greensboro, N. C.

On the same date [redacted] was contacted by SAs [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he resides at [redacted] Burlington, N. C., and that he is [redacted] and a member of the John Birch Society at Burlington, N. C.

He advised that on 11/21/63 [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Burlington, N. C., telephonically contacted him and told him that she was a political science student at Elon College, Elon College, N. C. He stated that she told him she was preparing a paper in her political science course and she requested information as to the number of registered voters in his precinct and wanted to know if he agreed that there should be compulsory voting.

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[redacted] stated that he thought the above questions were suspicious, inasmuch as she was requesting this information from him as the [redacted] in this area, and he had looked her up in the Burlington City Directory and noted that she was listed as [redacted]

[redacted] and listed her occupation as [redacted] Burlington, N. C. He stated that she does not have any idea of his membership in above organizations other than as [redacted]

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but that from information he has gained through his membership in these organizations he was of the opinion that she might be influenced by some subversive group in attempting to obtain this type of information. He stated that just wanted to make

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this information available to the FBI for whatever action was deemed advisable.

He stated that he has never met [redacted] but that he assumed she was a white female in view of her address which was in a very reputable section of Burlington, N. C.

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It is noted from observation that [redacted] is described as a white male, approximately 45 years old, 5'10", 165 lbs., dark hair.

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In view of the nebulous information furnished by [redacted] and inasmuch as [redacted] had told [redacted] the reason she was requesting the above information was to prepare a paper in a political science course at the college she was attending, it does not appear to be anything of an investigative matter for the FBI, therefore this matter is being closed.

[redacted]  
Fayetteville, N. C.  
January 27, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your frequent public exposure of the godless communist conspiracy for what it is documented to be is heartening to those of us who rely on honest, forthright men in positions of public trust to keep us informed.

Having had occasion to read the text of your excellent November 16, 1963 address to the 7th National Convention of Catholic Youth Organization, I would like very much to obtain a copy for myself.

If there is a charge for this, please bill me at the above address.

Your bureau is one to which I, as a frequently reluctant, taxpayer, have no hesitation about my money's going. Thank you for your many impressive years of dedicated public service.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted signature box]

[redacted]  
Fayetteville, N. C.  
28305

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January 30, 1964

[Redacted]

Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of January 27th and want to thank you for your interest in writing. I deeply appreciate your kind remarks concerning my administration of the FBI and hope that our future endeavors will continue to merit your confidence.

In response to your request, I am enclosing a copy of my November 16th speech, "Keys to Freedom." There is no charge for material which the FBI is privileged to disseminate.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# THE TIME HAS COME

The President of the United States has been murdered by a Marxist-Communist within the United States.

It has been pointed out by the Hon. Martin Dies, since the assassination, that "Lee Harvey Oswald was a Communist," and that when a Communist commits murder he is acting under orders. The former Congressman, head of the original Dies Committee, is probably second only to J. Edgar Hoover in first-hand knowledge acquired from early and long experience in investigating Communist activities.

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover said in a speech on October 18, 1960; "We are at war with the Communists, and the sooner each red-blooded American realizes that the better and safer we will be." He emphatically repeated this statement on December 3, 1963 — ten days after the assassination. And this is none the less war because the Communists conduct it according to their usual methods, without regard to civilized rules or human decency.

Nor is it in character for the Communists

the United States. And we were right. This has now been proved, tragically but conclusively, to the deep sorrow, but also to the profound alarm, of all good Americans. The time has come for those good Americans to join us in this fight against the powerfully organized "masters of deceit." For, as Edmund Burke once wrote: "When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

The John Birch Society is an EDUCATIONAL army, and our only weapon is the truth. But George Washington stated our problem well: "Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light." We take tremendous pains in proportion to our numbers and our strength, and all we need to win is that enough other patriots join us in our determination and our labors. For there is nothing the Communists fear so much in the whole world today as having the American people learn, too soon, the truth about their purposes, their methods, and their progress.

If you oppose the Communists

assassination. And this is none the less war because the Communists conduct it according to their usual methods, without regard to civilized rules or human decency.

Nor is it in character for the Communists to rest on this success. Instead, we can expect them to use the shock, grief, and confusion of the American people, resulting from the assassination of our President, as an opportunity for pushing their own plans faster. Also, we shall be subjected to an ever greater barrage of distortions and falsehoods, aimed at imposing on the nation a completely false picture of the situation and of the forces at work. They have to subvert our minds as well as our institutions.

For five years The John Birch Society has said that, regardless of the external threat, Communism was a serious internal menace in

Communists fear so much in the whole world today as having the American people learn, too soon, the truth about their purposes, their methods, and their progress.

If you oppose the Communist conspiracy by learning and spreading the truth, you may expect to be smeared as viciously as we have been for five years. But you will be helping to save your family and your country from the same cruel tyranny that has already been imposed on a billion human beings.

The time has come for every red-blooded American to react as such. If you have the willingness to learn and the courage to support the disturbing truth, use the coupon below. It will be without any obligation on your part, and we shall not contact you further unless or until you request us to do so.

## THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Executive Committee: Wm. J. Grede, A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., Fred C. Koch, Clarence E. Manion, R. W. Stoddard

### Please Note

If you agree with this statement, and are willing to help us put this message in as many newspapers as possible across our country, send us your contribution NOW. Make your check out to SPECIAL ADVERTISING FUND, and mail it directly to:

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,  
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

The John Birch Society  
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178  
Gentlemen:

- ( ) Please send me, without cost or obligation on my part, a sheet of preliminary information about the Society.
- ( ) For the enclosed one dollar, please send me your INTRODUCTORY PACKET of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

(Check the box that applies.)

- ( ) For the enclosed five dollars please send me your SPECIAL PACKET, containing the basic materials from which I can obtain a thorough understanding of what The John Birch Society is, how it works, and what it hopes to do.

Sincerely,

(Name)

(Address)

SAC, BOSTON

4/15/64

SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548) (RUC)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INTERNAL SECURITY

The 2/10/64 issue of the "Daily Free Press", Kinston, N. C., daily newspaper, contains a full page advertisement entitled "The Time Has Come" by the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts. This article starts off by stating "The President of the United States has been murdered by a Marxist-Communist within the United States" and ends with a request for persons to fill out the coupon at the bottom of the advertisement. The coupon is addressed to this society at Belmont, Mass., and a person can request a sheet of information about the Society; an introductory packet for \$1; or a special packet for \$5. The advertisement includes a footnote requesting people who want to help put this article in newspapers throughout the country to send a contribution to the Society.

The foregoing is submitted to you in order that your office can be aware of the extent of distribution of this article.

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SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-471)

6/5/64

SA JAMES M. UNDERHILL

CHARLOTTE KLAVERN  
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS

On 5/25/64, [redacted] Charlotte, N. C., came to the office and furnished this Agent an envelope postmarked Charlotte, N. C., May 19, 1964, addressed to him by hand as [redacted] at his residence address. This is a regular envelope of the type purchased at the Post Office, with the stamp already printed on and contains no return address. It contained literature of United Klans of America, Inc., including a card used in applying for membership. Across the bottom of this card is handwriting, apparently in the same writing as the address on the envelope, "Sure do need you in Char. unit."

[redacted] said he does not know who sent this to him but he is definitely not interested in joining any klan organization and if he receives any further such information will furnish it to the FBI.

[redacted] volunteered that [redacted] members in the John Birch Society in Charlotte and during the conversation furnished information reflecting that he is identical with the [redacted] mentioned in the following:

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All of these refer to [redacted] in the John Birch Society.

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[redacted] went on to say that approximately a year ago he had received through the mail a copy of the "Thunderbird", a publication of the National States Rights Party. At that time from comparison with other handwriting on another communication he believed the person who had mailed this to him was [redacted]

[redacted] who resides on [redacted] He stated that the handwriting on the current Klan material is not identical with that of [redacted] in his opinion.

[redacted] went on to say that he believes in what he considers the true principles of the John Birch Society but [redacted] have been very disturbed over the fact that some individuals in the group have tried to stir up anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic sentiments and that [redacted] have opposed this very strongly. He commented that some folks seem to believe that any member of the John Birch Society is automatically a hater of everything and anxious to join any kind of hate group, but this is not true so far as he is concerned at any rate.

He said he is not sure whether the apparent invitation to join the Klan is from someone who thinks he would be receptive to it or from someone who is trying to cause [redacted] trouble [redacted] with the John Birch Society.

If he develops any more information he will contact this office.

[redacted] is [redacted] for [redacted] manufacturer of [redacted] with office at [redacted] Charlotte, N. C., and he spends much of his time traveling outside of [redacted]

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Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau 6/12/64, setting out information concerning reported attempt by forces backing N. C. Governorial Candidate L. RICHARDSON PRESTON to show that Klan elements in North Carolina are supporting his opponent, DAN MOORE.

There are enclosed for the Bureau 2 copies of an article from the "Charlotte Observer", June 13, 1964, entitled "N. C. Klan Official Gives Moore Indirect Backing".

On 6/16/64, the following information was furnished to SA JAMES W. UNDERHILL by [redacted] who was associated with [redacted]

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[redacted] had told him on 5/15/64 that on 6/13/64, he had been in [redacted] in the home of [redacted]

[redacted] of this organization. [redacted] together with [redacted]

According to the informant, they had been drinking together, but none of them was drunk.

According to the informant, he had stopped into an adjoining room and overheard a conversation in which [redacted] told [redacted] that if [redacted] is elected a member of the John Birch Society (not named) has told [redacted] is going [redacted] according to the informant. [redacted] has expressed himself as most at this suggestion.

[redacted]

Informant said [redacted]

[redacted]

Informant told [redacted] he had come back into the room about this time, and nothing further was said about the matter.

[redacted] said he had telephonically furnished this information to [redacted] in [redacted] and while [redacted] was furnishing this information to SA UNDERHILL, [redacted] telephonically notified [redacted] that he had on June 16 given the substance of the information to [redacted] legal assistant to Governor HARRY SANDFORD of N. C. [redacted] had told him he would notify Governor SANDFORD, candidate PERRY and appropriate state authorities.

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Since the information, the reliability of which is unknown, has been furnished to state authorities [redacted] Charlotte is not notifying state authorities or any other agencies HACH. It is pointed out that if Charlotte would make notification to state authorities, it would probably result in its being plain to the Governor's office that [redacted] furnishing information to the FBI. If Charlotte attempted to disguise the information to avoid its being apparent that it had [redacted] this would probably have the result of improperly making state authorities believe that the FBI had obtained the information independently from other sources. It is considered extremely likely that sooner or later the SANFORD administration, which is strongly backing FRYER in his candidacy for Governor, will make use of this information in some public manner, and it would be highly undesirable for the FBI to be injected into the matter.

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# John Birch Society Meeting At Lexington Attracts 27

By Don Graham  
Staff Reporter

LEXINGTON — The John Birch Society sponsored an organizational meeting in Lexington last night and 27 people were on hand when it began at 7:30.

There were still 20 left when it wound up almost four hours later, after brief speeches by society officials, the distribution of literature, and a two-and-a-half-hour film of talks by Robert Welch, the Massachusetts candy manufacturer who founded the society six years ago.

Kermit Hall of Thomasville, sectional leader for High Point, Winston-Salem and Thomasville, addressed the meeting briefly after the audience had listened to a prayer and said the pledge of allegiance to a flag that was produced for the occasion, and then folded up again.

## "False Impressions"

Hall's talk, like the others, was partly addressed to correcting "false impressions" of the society.

"Robert Welch is a native of North Carolina, of Chowan County," he said. "He was the youngest man ever to graduate from the University of North Carolina . . .

"He became very concerned about the plight of our country a few years ago, like many Americans who worry about our country's moving down the path to socialism and collectivism."

Hall introduced Bill Highsmith of Greenwood, S. C., who directs society activities in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. He explained that Highsmith gets into the area about once every six weeks.

## Introduces Film

Highsmith spoke briefly, introducing Welch's film. He said he had come to tell his audience "what you can do to return the country to the Constitution and keep us from going to the Communists."

"The president of the United States was murdered last Nov. 22 by a Communist. Even more frighteningly to us, the Communist front organization to which Lee Harvey Oswald belonged is still not listed on the attorney-general's list of subversives in Washington, although we've shown that it's one of the most vicious fronts around. That should frighten you. We're not going to forget it."

He too went into Welch's career. "Believe it or not, he went to Harvard Law School and studied under Felix Frankfurter until he couldn't stand it any more. In 1958 he reached some conclusions.

"He decided the country had to be cleaned up from the bottom up, because the top was rotten. That's how we're doing it."

"Every liberal or Communist

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Nelson Rockefeller flew here unannounced Monday and inspected the scene of three nights of racial rioting. He said he was saddened and shocked by what he saw.

The governor toured the riot area in an automobile, visited with National Guardsmen in pup tents they had set up in public parks, and congratulated them and the state policemen on their work.

He met with city, county and state officials for about an hour, then left to fly back to New York City.

Rockefeller said he had come here "because the state has committed some 450 state police and because I've called out the National Guard."

#### Called Extremism

The governor said at a news conference that the rioting was "clear evidence of extremism that . . . cannot be justified."

He said he saw no direct connection between the rioting here and recent racial trouble in New York City.

"There is no indication that I have from any source of outside agitators," he added.

The governor said it was too early to give "an intelligent appraisal" of the situation. City officials agreed.

Porter W. Homer, the city manager, had commented earlier in the day on the relative peace and quiet that characterized Rochester this morning.

"After what's happened," he said, "I don't think you can afford to be optimistic about anything."

Rockefeller rode through two neighborhoods, predominantly Negro, which have been the scenes of violence since Friday night.

#### Spoke to Soldiers

The governor and his party went to the Main Street Armory and spoke with soldiers for about five minutes, then rode to the Culver Road Armory, the headquarters of police and Guard units.

At his news conference, Rockefeller said the state would take "all steps necessary" to preserve peace. He said he hoped it would not be necessary to use the troops against the mobs that have pillaged stores and thrown taunts, bottles, and fire bombs at policemen.

So far, the Guardsmen have not taken up positions on the streets. They went through the area last night in a show of force. Their role, according to one of their commanders, is to stand by and to be used only if other police forces are overwhelmed.

The state Liquor Authority has renewed, for at least another day, its prohibition against the sale of alcoholic beverages in stores or bars.

Bafflement shaded into resentment as whites reviewed the weekend. Racial slurs were common, but they had an awkward, hesitant ring, like a language learned in high school years ago.

Negro leaders warned the daytime quiet was a mirage. Mostly they seemed distraught and despairing. They accused white officials of sabotaging their influence by failing to make good on promises.

"I've been called a rabble rouser because I've told the truth," said Mrs. Constance Mitchell, supervisor of the riot-torn Third Ward.

Laplois Ashford, youth secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, predicted:

"Rochester is going to be too smug and too small to be as liberal as some of the Southern cities have been in seeing their problems. Rochester has been the Almighty Thou."

Earlier in the day, the City Council met for 12 minutes and approved a resolution that could lead to public assistance for those who lost property in the rioting.

The resolution directs the city manager to investigate "what steps could be taken through public or private agencies and/or facilities to assist . . . innocent victims . . . in rehabilitating themselves or their property as speedily as is possible."

City Manager Porter W. Homer said the action was "roughly comparable" to that which the city might take in the event of a natural disaster, such as a tornado.

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On 9/9/64, [REDACTED] advised on a strictly confidential basis that [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan was organizing a citizens council in [REDACTED] on 9/10/64. The informant voluntarily offered his assistance in furnishing information pertaining to this organization.

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On 9/11/64, [REDACTED] confidentially advised the organizational meeting of the White Citizens Council was held at the [REDACTED] There were 22 present. [REDACTED]

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Others present the informant stated he did not know  
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The informant stated the meeting was predominantly  
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The which "pitch" of the meeting the informant advised was "white supremacy".

The organizational set up of the group will be controlled by a board of directors consisting of 30 members which will be under the direction of a group of eight who will actually run the show. There will be four basic committees as follows:

1. Committee for membership and finance.
2. Legal Committee
3. Political Committee which will be a small committee of influential persons to spend their time in the direction of the political activities sponsored by the organization.
4. Public Relations Committee, this group will be responsible for directing the public image of the organization.

The informant stated that according to what [redacted] said, this would be a "grass root" type organization with no control or direction handed down by the home office in Jackson, Miss. The organization will be free to operate as it sees fit and direct its activities in this manner. It was stressed that the activities would be confined to within the law rather than against the law as it was pointed out seems to be the aim of the Klan.

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us what a terrible world this would be if the other fellow was elected. In the last month of the campaign, now starting, it would be helpful if they would define in more specific terms what they would do if they won.

Nineteen sixty-five is not likely to be a period of dramatic new initiatives in world politics. Some influential men here even go so far as to say that the United States should concentrate for the foreseeable future on its serious educational, agricultural and racial problems at home, and worry less about foreign affairs.

There are, however, several serious problems overseas, including the possibility of a wider and more serious war in Viet Nam, which may even overwhelm our domestic concerns if they are allowed to drift as they have been drifting during the campaign.

#### A Weakening Alliance

How do President Johnson and Senator Goldwater propose to achieve the Allied unity they both want? The Western Alliance is being steadily weakened by a kind of nationalistic counter-revolution. For a time, the free nations were making progress toward common or at least cooperative policies in the fields of defense, finance, trade and agriculture.

This momentum toward interdependence, toward common discussion of common problems seeking common policies, was broken by many things, including De Gaulle's political and defensive policies, and the other Allies, preoccupied with domestic politics, have never regained it.

The Allies, accordingly, are drifting away from common action to separate national action. They are working at cross purposes in Viet Nam. Their efforts to deal separately with their national agricultural problems are making each nation's agricultural problem even worse. The need for more cooperation in the fields of trade and finance was never greater than now, but the progress in these fields is not keeping pace with the problems.

All this is not only fragmenting the alliance, but hampering the development of the new nations, and the judgment of objective men here is that this drift toward "separateness," if continued for many more months, will lead inevitably toward a kind of isolation and also toward weakness in dealing with the Communist worlds.

It is in this larger sense of the whole alliance that the problem of Viet Nam is so important. How do the candidates propose to avoid a major war in Southeast Asia? Both of them have touched this increasingly ominous question but neither of them has really tackled it. The record on both sides is full of dangerous ambiguities.

The present policy justifies little hope of succeeding there. Goldwater is right about that. But is it really true that the situation would be made better by putting American forces into the battle and expanding the war to North Viet Nam?

President Johnson and Senator Goldwater are now following the domino theory about Viet Nam—if it falls all Southeast Asia will go to the Communists. A free and peaceful Viet Nam, we are now told, is "vital" to the



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**A Sunday  
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About this time of early autumn the graybeards begin to look about them for signs foretelling what kind of winter we can expect. Usually some weather and season prophets bob up fairly early, probably before mid-September, to remind us that corn husks are unusually thick this year, signifying a very rough winter; that squirrel tails are lighter than usual, or very bushy; or that the groundhog has gone into hibernation early.

According to some prophets, if squirrels have very bushy tails, we can expect a hard winter. (There are an unusually large number of

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# The John Birch Society: Political Dynamite

By Chester Davis  
Staff Reporter

## The Story of 'Alarmist' Robert Welch

ROBERT WELCH very likely is the most controversial North Carolinian to come along since Hinton Helper was run out of the state something over a century ago because of opinions he expressed in his book "The Impending Crisis."

Like Helper, Welch, the founder of the John Birch Society, is a self-styled alarmist and he has been extraordinarily successful in his chosen field despite the fact his background is not that of a man who, in one way or another, scares folks half to death.

He has, within the past year, scared America's political leaders to the point his beliefs became a major issue in the convention of both major political parties. He has disturbed the liberals of the nation to the point where, under the leadership of Dr. Arthur Larson, director of Duke University's World Rule of Law Center, they recently organized an effort to expose both Welch's philosophy and the program of the John Birch Society.

What sort of a man is Robert Welch and what is the nature of this society he has built almost single-handedly?

Born of fundamentalist Baptist parents in Chowan County on Dec. 1, 1899, Welch graduated from the University of North Carolina while still in his teens. In 1919 he left this state and moved to Boston where, after two years spent at Annapolis and two in the Harvard Law School, he entered a candy business founded by his brother.

As sales manager and vice president in charge of sales and advertising, Robert Welch became very much the model of the conservative business executive, serving the National Association of Manufacturers both as a regional vice president and as chairman of the NAM's Education Advisory Committee.

Like many businessmen with pronounced economic and social views, Welch, a Republican, flirted with politics. In 1950 he was a candidate for lieutenant governor in Massachusetts. Failing in that effort, he campaigned strenuously for the presidency for the late Robert Taft.

In this same period Welch became increasingly concerned over the problem of communism. By 1955 this concern led him to launch "American Opinion," a magazine which provided him with a forum from which he could belabor the Communist Conspiracy with a tireless and sometimes talented pen. By 1956 Robert Welch began to devote his full time to wakening America to the Red menace.

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Robert Welch, native of Chowan County, was a successful businessman before he took extreme stand on Communism.

four.) He said, "It (the truth) is that, unless we can reverse forces which now seem inevitable in their movement, you have only a few more years before the country in which you live will become four separate provinces in a world-wide dominion ruled by police-state methods from the Kremlin."

Having posed the problem, Welch then proceeded to say that the success of the Communist conspiracy need not be inevitable; that it could be checked by an equally dedicated, equally well organized and financed action program designed to waken the nation before it was too late.

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service. He was murdered by Chinese Communists ten days after the defeat of Japan in World War II. Of Birch, Robert Welch wrote, "He was probably the first casualty of the third World War."

At the 1958 meeting in Indianapolis Welch blue-printed the organizational structure of the society. "It would be, he said, "a monolithic body" operated "under completely authoritative control at all levels." Here, as elsewhere, Welch freely borrowed proven Communist organizational techniques.

Rather than establish one more "debating society," Welch proposed direct action. Here, again, many of his ideas were patterned on those of the Communists. They included:

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—Encourage the circulation of such conservative magazines as Welch's "American Opinion," "The National Review," "The Dan Smoot Report" and "Human Events." (The society's success in getting such magazines in the waiting rooms of doctors and dentists, in barber shops and the like has varied according to the diligence of local chapters.)

—By working on sponsors, encourage local radio stations to make use of such conservative commentators as Fulton Lewis Jr. and Clarence Mannion, former Dean of the Notre Dame Law School. Because of cost factors, Welch emphasizes radio more than he does television.

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papers—including the Charlotte Observer—which opened with "PLEASE, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, DON'T" and then went on to protest any exchange of visits between the President and Premier Khrushchev. "Fronts" have been organized to expound many of the society's positions. These include opposition to programs such as the United Nations, NATO, foreign aid and increased military spending, support of a constitutional amendment abolishing the federal income tax, the cessation of all exchanges with Russia and withdrawal of recognition of Russia, to name a few.)

—The use of the McCarthy technique of shocking the American people by the "exposure" of Communists in high places in American government and society. Here Welch proposes to make wide use of his magazine "American Opinion." He advocates the use of the "mean and dirty" question which makes no specific charge but which raises implications; the when-did-you-stop-beating-your-wife type of question.

—Organization of an effective speakers bureau to spread The Word.

—Painstaking precinct-level organization with the goal of placing the organized weight of conservative opinion in the political scales as quickly and as effectively as possible.

### Membership Is Expanding

At the 1958 meeting in Indianapolis, Robert Welch said that the John Birch Society should seek a goal of one million truly dedicated members. For 1959 he said the goals should be 30,000 members and a million-dollar budget.

Neither goal was attained (although the Society did raise \$200,000 in 1959) and Welch's one million members remains a future prospect. Even so, by 1964 the Society reported that it was operating on a \$2 million annual budget and that its membership, while still short of the million mark, was growing rapidly.

The Society's headquarters are located in Belmont, a suburb of Boston where Welch lives. There is a Western headquarters in San Marino, Calif., under the direction of John H. Rousellot, a former Congressman and the director of the Society's public relations program.

There is a regional office in Houston, and Rousellot says similar offices are to be opened in Chicago and in Washington D.C.

The Society operates through local chapters which, ideally, have from 15 to 20 members. The organizational field work is handled by full-time, paid coordinators (there are 50) and by volunteer coordinators and section leaders.

In Virginia, Tennessee and the Carolinas, for example, William C. Highsmith Jr. of Greenwood, S.C. is the professional, full-time coordinator. In Eastern North Carolina Stephen H. Conger, a Weldon businessman, is the volunteer coordinator. In the Charlotte area Leon Clark, a

North Carolina has not been one of the Society's hot spots. (These have been California — particularly the southern counties — up-state Illinois and the Chicago area, Indiana, Ohio, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, New Jersey, up-state New York, Florida, Arizona and Texas.) There were no chapters organized in this state until late 1960 or early 1961.

By 1961 Leon Clark had organized two chapters in Charlotte. They were headed by R. H. Maas, an employee of Douglas Aircraft Co., and Mrs. William Haake. By 1964 chapters were active in all of the state's major cities and organizational work was underway in smaller places. In August, 1964, for example, Kermitt Hall and William Highsmith organized a chapter in Lexington.

The John Birch Society refuses to release information regarding its total membership, the number of active chapters, where those chapters are located or the identities of individual members. In talking with leaders here in North Carolina, with Society officers in Belmont and with John Rousellot in San Marino, this reporter found the attitude on these points to be polite but firm. One reason given for the secrecy is the wish "to keep the Communists guessing." Another is to protect members from harassment.

As a result, there are no firm figures on the total membership of the John Birch Society, only guesses. And these guesses vary wildly. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported in 1961 that the Society had a total membership of about 20,000 and that 8,000 to 7,000 of them were in Southern California. A sub-committee of the California Senate completed a careful investigation of the John Birch Society in 1961 and reported that the national membership was "at least 60,000." Without committing himself, Rousellot indicates that both figures are on the low side.

### Focal Point of an Issue

Whatever the membership, the John Birch Society has, within the past year, successfully established itself as the focal point of a national controversy.

At the Republican party's convention in San Francisco men of the caliber of Gov. William Scranton of Pennsylvania and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York unsuccessfully sought a plank against extremism which equated the John Birch Society with the KKK and the Communist Party. (The Democrats adopted just such a platform plank when they later met in Atlantic City.) Scranton described the Society as "this weird presence in America" and as "an alien to our shores."

Barry Goldwater, the Republican candidate, who has said that the members of the Birch Society he knows are the sort who should be in politics, has criticized Welch. He has said that Welch is

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In a two-day monologue Welch made a series of talks which, in printed form, today make up the Blue Book (read "Bible") of the John Birch Society.

The first of these talks—"A Look at the Score"—presented the problem. It was, Welch said, the calculated Communist plan to achieve world domination in three stages; first the capture of Eastern Europe, second the domination of Asia and third the final assault on the United States, the bastion of the free world. Welch told his 11 friends that the first step had been achieved, the second was well on the way to completion and the third was far more advanced than the American public realized.

In later talks Welch said that the ultimate success of the Communist Conspiracy was almost inevitable. He cited the incredible dedication and skill of the Communists in destroying from within. He contended that the Communists were aided by the fact that America was sick from the cancer of "collectivism"; a cancer reflected in the growth of big government. On this point Welch said, "The greatest enemy of man is, and always has been, government, and the larger and more extensive that government the greater the enemy." Welch hammered on the theme that this nation fast was losing its moral fiber; that Americans lived "in a spiritual vacuum" in which they had lost faith in God, in themselves and in their way of life.

### Sounding a Cry of Treason

For this plight Welch blamed treason and traitors, both willing and unwitting.

He said that treason and traitors were rampant in the federal government and, particularly, "in our high Army circles." He said, "... the domination of our press, TV and radio by Communist influences is now so great that you are simply not allowed to learn or be reminded of the real nature of the beasts to whom we are now losing." He was critical of the Protestant ministry, saying, "And some (ministers) actually use their pulpits to preach outright communism." Above all, he deplored the rise of "the amoral" man; the man of talent who sought only materialistic goals and did so with an utter ignorance of basic moral values. To Welch, John F. Kennedy, then a presidential aspirant, was the epitome of the amoral man.

At the time of this Indianapolis meeting Robert Welch believed that the chances for the survival of our way of life were one in 100. (By 1964 he had revised odds to a more cheering one in

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(In 1954 Welch wrote a biography of John Birch, a young (26 when he was killed) fundamentalist Baptist minister from Macon, Ga., who served in China as a captain in the American intelligence

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In this letter, and elsewhere, Welch has "exposed" the late Dag Hammarskjöld, then Secretary General of the UN, and his successor, U. Thant as Communists. He has hung the same tag on Nasser, Nehru, Willi Brandt, mayor of West Berlin, and Charles de Gaulle. Welch takes pride in the fact he exposed Castro as a



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What sort of a man is Robert Welch and what is the nature of this society he has built almost single-handedly?

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As sales manager and vice president in charge of sales and advertising, Robert Welch became very much the model of the conservative business executive, serving the National Association of Manufacturers both as a regional vice president and as chairman of the NAM's Education Advisory Committee.

Like many businessmen with pronounced economic and social views, Welch, a Republican, flirted with politics. In 1950 he was a candidate for lieutenant governor in Massachusetts. Failing in that effort, he campaigned strenuously to win the presidency for the late Robert Taft.

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### Organization Is Formed

On Dec. 12, 1956, Welch invited 11 friends from nine states to meet with him in Indianapolis. There, in a two-day session in which he established his credentials as a marathon talker, Welch (1) outlined the perils posed by the Communist Conspiracy and (2) proposed an action program to counter that conspiracy.

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The first of these talks—"A Look at the Score"—presented the problem. It was, Welch said, the calculated Communist plan to achieve world domination in three stages; first the capture of Eastern Europe, second the domination of Asia and third the final assault on the United States, the bastion of the free world. Welch told his 11 friends that the first step had been achieved, the second was well on the way to completion and the third was far more advanced than the American public realized.

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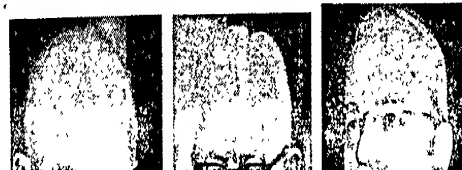
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The organizational meeting of the New Hanover County Citizens Council is scheduled for 11-9-64. [redacted]

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November 1, 1964

Dear Member of Wesley Memorial:

I grew up in your church, and it was there that I came to know our Lord and Saviour.

It is with heavy heart that I bring the attached to your attention.


My great-grandfather was a Methodist Circuitrider on North Carolina's outer-banks, and later pastor of Haymarket Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville, and founder of the Trinity Methodist Church in Durham. His sermons were replete with warnings of apostasy.

I shall gain nothing personally for bringing this record to you, and I may lose much, but I felt, as a Christian I had no other choice.

Every thing you will find here is on the public record, and is really much more incriminating than these few excerpts can convey. If you would like to see the documents used in this research I would be willing to make them available to you, as an individual or as a group at any time.

Lest you be beguiled by defenses of these people and their records, I would recommend that you order from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office Senate Document #117. "The Communist Party of the United States of America, What it is and how it works".

I certify that the attached sheets were compiled personally by myself from public records as cited, and that NOTHING has been deleted which would change, in the least, the character of the record as presented.

  
ARTHUR SHERRILL LYON  
3417 Hillside Drive  
High Point, N.C.



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST, U.S.A.

The United States Air Force Training Manual NR 43-0050, Guide for security indoctrination listed the National Council of Churches as a subversive organization; however, this manual was withdrawn NOT because of any inaccuracies, of fact or conclusion, but because of the great propaganda machine of the National Council which could be put to work insinuating that the Air Force was attacking all Christendom.

Page 1303 of Issues Presented By Air Reserve Center Training Manual, Hearings before the COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES eighty-sixth Congress, second session, February 25, 1960. "Mr. Arens" (Counsel for the Committee addressing Secretary Sharp of the Air Force) "Did you, in your statement of repudiation, intend a repudiation of the integrity, validity, or accuracy of the testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities which is quoted in this manual? Secretary Sharpe, No, sir. If it is properly quoted, I certainly did not intend such a repudiation."

Op. Cit. "Mr. Arens, May I first say, Mr. Chairman, in view of the Secretary's repudiation of the information conveyed respecting the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, the chairman issued a statement to the effect that the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America had hundreds or at least over 100 affiliations with Communist fronts and causes. Since then we have made careful, but yet incomplete checks, and it is a complete understatement. Thus far of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to the latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow-travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement."

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Six hundred and fifty eight ministers and laymen in responsible positions of the National Council of Churches have, on the public record, been affiliated in some manner with Communist subversive, or Communist front organizations.(6)

Footnotes:

(1) The National Council of Churches Indicts Itself on 50 Counts of Treason, PAGE 14.

(2) Communist Controls on Religious Activity, Hearing before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, eighty-sixth Congress first session, testimony of Petr S. Deriabian, May 5, 1959. Page 29.

(3) See Reference footnote 1., page 36.

(4) A Compilation of Public Records 2109 Methodist Ministers, Circuit Riders, Inc., 110 Government Place Cincinnati, Ohio, July 1956, page 30.

(5.) Report on The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, St. Marks Vestry Committee, St. Marks Episcopal Church, 908 Rutherford St., Shreveport, La.

(6) A Compilation of Public Records of 658 Clergymen and Laymen connected with The National Council of Churches, Circuit Riders, Inc. 110 Government place, Cincinnati, 2, Ohio.

TO STUDY THE MASSIVE EVIDENCE SHOWING THE COMMUNIST INFLUENCE AND ORIENTATION WITHIN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REQUIRES MORE SPACE THAN A VOLUME THE SIZE OF "GONE WITH THE WIND"; HOWEVER, THE COMPILER WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH A SERIOUS, SINCERE GROUP, AT ANY TIME CONCERNING THIS UNHEALTHY ORGANIZATION.

Compiled by, and accuracy guaranteed by:

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# UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (N.Y.)

## Christianity or Communism?

The extensive records of membership, officiating, etc., of the following persons with subversive Communist, Communist front, and Communist aiding organizations is so extensive that an individual listing of many of these individuals with their citations would require ten or more pages of this size. It has been the intent of the compiler to eliminate from this list other members of the faculty whose record is not extensive (although presence or absence does not either mean an endorsement nor an accusation of the person involved). This is the record, the clear record, earned by an active participation of the person involved. Warning: "The burden of proof should be placed upon those who consistently follow the ever-changing, twisting party-line. Fellow travelers and sympathizers can deny party membership but they can never escape the undeniable fact that they have played into the Communist hands, thus furthering the Communist cause . . .". J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI page 5, Menace of Communism, March 24, 1947.

PERSON	COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS
Henry Sloan Coffin, Past President . . . . .	21
John C. Bennett, President . . . . .	16
Reinhold Niebuhr, . . . . .	31
Paul Tillich, . . . . .	21
Robert H. Nichols . . . . .	3
Roger L. Shinn . . . . .	2
Harry F. Ward . . . (identified Communist . . . . .	122
Charles C. Webber . . . . .	17
Thomas L. Harris . . . . .	22
Jack McMichael . . . (identified Communist . . . . .	26
Willard Uphaus . . . . .	9
W. Russell Bowie . . . . .	32
Edmond LaB. Cheronnier . . . . .	3
George A. Coe . . . . .	31
Walter S. Davison . . . . .	5
Harrison S. Elliott . . . . .	5
Deniel J. Fleming . . . . .	7
Frank W. Herriott . . . . .	7
Paul W. Hoon . . . . .	3
John A. Hutchison . . . . .	3
Chas. W. Iglehart . . . . .	6
Paul M. Limbert . . . . .	7
Robert L. Lindsay . . . . .	4
Eugene W. Lyman . . . . .	16
Mary Ely Lyman . . . . .	5
Paul Reid . . . . .	5

REMEMBER: Alger Hiss had only one affiliation with Communist causes.

"The Communist Party of the United States is a fifth column if there ever was one. It is far better organized than were the Nazis in occupied countries prior to their capitulation.

"They are seeking to weaken America just as they did in their era of obstruction when they were aligned with the Nazis. Their goal is the overthrow of our Government.

"There is no doubt as to where a real Communist's loyalty rests. Their allegiance is to Russia, not the United States.

## WHAT TO DO?

"The best antidote to Communism is vigorous, intelligent, old-fashioned Americanism with eternal vigilance.

"I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists. I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism. I do fear so long as school boards and parents tolerate conditions whereby Communists and fellow travelers under the guise of academic freedom can teach our youth a way of life that eventually will destroy the sanctity of the home, that undermines faith in God, that causes them to scorn respect for constituted authority, and sabotage our revered Constitution.

"I fear for ignorance on the part of all our people who may take the poisonous pills of Communist propaganda." J. Edgar Hoover, Ibid pp11-12.

"WE ARE AT WAR WITH THE COMMUNISTS, AND THE SOONER EACH RED-BLOODED AMERICAN REALIZES THIS . . . THE BETTER AND SAFER WE WILL BE." J. EDGAR HOOVER

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST, U.S.A. *Copy*

The National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A., brought the late Metropolitan Nicolai of Moscow, Russia, to the United States; June 2, 1956, to speak in selected churches under the auspices of the National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A. (1)..

Quotations from speeches of Metropolitan Nicolai:

"The greedy tentacles of the overseas octopus (the United States) strive to enmesh the whole globe. Capitalistic America, that fornicatrix of the re-surrected Babylon, having arranged a world market, attempts to seduce peoples, pushing them on to war.

"The overseas siren sings of 'freedom' \* \* \* Freedom to rob, to do violence, to kill--this is their 'freedom'.

"We shall not distribute arms to young men that they shall kill one another' --screams the Washington Cain; and in these walls the frenzy of the rascal mingles with the desperation of a coward.

"The great blasphemy, from the Christian point of view, is the fact that these people call themselves Christians. It does not fit into the bounds of reason and of conscience, how all these Trumans, Achesons, and Dulles, returning home from their offices, where they have just been bending over their maps of future devastation and murder, put on black frock coats and in the circle of their families read the Bible!

"What do we see?

"Cynically violated standards not only of international rights, but of human morals. Executions without trials and inquisitions, secret and public. Dreadful tortures of victims: the cutting off of ears and noses, breasts, putting out of eyes, the breaking of arms and legs, the crucifixion of patriots, the burial alive in communal graves of women with children at their breasts, etc." (2).

FORMER PRESIDENT SAYS:

*Dr. Francis J. McConnell*, METHODIST BISHOP of the New York Area wrote: "Is not this tendency to deify Jesus more heathen than Christian? Are we not most truly Christian when we cut loose from a heathen propensity and take Jesus simply for the character that He was and for the ideal that He is?" (3)..

Bishop McConnell, has been a member of at least 58 organizations cited as Communist subversive, by the Attorney General of the United States, or cited as Communist fronts by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised 1961. (4)..

GOOD-BY CHRIST

Listen, Christ,	And please take Saint Ghandi with you
you did all right in your day, I reckon--	-- when you go,
But that day's gone now..	And Saint Pope Pius
They ghosted you up a swell story, too.	And Saint Aimee McPherson,
Called it the Bible--	And big black Saint Becton
But it's dead now.	of the Consecrated Dime..
The popes and the preachers 've	And step on the gas, Christ!
Made too much money from it.	Move!
They've sold you to too many	Don't be so slow about movin'!
Kings, generals, robbers, and killers--	The world is mine from now on--
Even to the Tzar(sic) and the Cossacks,	And nobody's gonna sell ME
Even to Rockefeller's church,	To a king, or a general,
Even to the <u>Saturday Evening Post</u>	Or a millionaire..
You ain't no good no more.	* * *
They've pawned you	Good-by Christ, good morning Revolution!
Till you've done worn out	
Goodby.	

--Langston Hughes (5).

Christ Jesus Lord God Jehovah,  
Beat it on away from here now.  
Make way for a new guy with no religion  
at all--  
A real guy named  
Marx Communist Lenin Peasant Stalin Worker ME--  
I said ME!  
Go ahead on now,  
You're getting in the way of things,  
Lord,

This blasphemous poem, written by an identified Communist, who has nine works recommended by the National Council of Churches.

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# COMMUNISM IN METHODISM

"When the Western world was floundering in an unjust and competitive order, and the church was bound up with it and was a part of that order, God reached out and put his hand on the Russian Communists to produce a juster order and to show a recumbent church what it has missed in its own gospel."

~~Dr. E. Stanley Jones~~, Methodist Missionary  
Page 224, "Christ's Alternative to Communism"

"Even if the Russians come over, what of it? I would infinitely rather have to face the Communists in this country or in Britain than face a third world war. We must search for world government and we must face the fact that Khrushchev will be the first president. . . Collapse of the summit talks means Canada and Britain must disarm unilaterally."

\*\*Dr. Donald Soper, one of Britain's leading Methodist preachers.  
"toronto Daily Star", May 21, 1960.

Below are listed a few of the 2,109 Methodist ministers who have been affiliated with Communist subversive, Communist front, or Communist aiding organizations, and the number of times they appear on the public record in behalf of Communist projects:

Harold A. Bosley - - - - -	7	Bishop Paul B. Kern - - - - -	-6
Henry Hitt Crane - - - - -	27	Bishop Edgar A. Love - - - - -	9
Ralph S. Cushman - - - - -	11	Bishop Francis J. McConnell - - - - -	58
Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. - - - - -	3	Jack R. McMichael - - - - -	61
E. Stanley Jones - - - - -	4	Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam - - - - -	31
Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke - - - - -	4	Ralph W. Sockman - - - - -	11
Bishop Donald H. Tippet - - - - -	8	Harry F. Ward - - - - -	122
Bishop A. Raymond Grant - - - - -	5		

INVESTIGATION OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA\*\* PART 6, heard before the COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, House of Representatives, eighty-third Congress, first session, July 7, 1953. pages 2049-50.

"Mr. Kunzig (Counsel for the Committee): In other words, they had to resort to a second line of attack in order to destroy or attempt to destroy it. (The Russian church). Mr. Kornfeder (defected Communist--Moscow trained): They had to resort to maneuvering in order to get the same goal. The goal always remained the same, elimination, complete elimination, of the church and religion, but the methods as to how to go about it varied according to the circumstances. Mr. Scherer (member of the Committee): What method is the Communist Party using in the United States to accomplish the elimination of religion eventually? Mr. Kornfeder: In the United States the attack is on what they call the propaganda level; that is, indoctrination. They still maintain their position of atheism, but as for the popular approach, that is, what they would call agitation, they concentrate entirely on the method of boring from within the church laid down in that pattern I explained of the living church (emphasis added, see below) but adapted to conditions in the United States. Mr. Scherer.: From your observation since you have been back in the United States, how have they used this method of infiltration? Mr. Kornfeder.: Well, I think their pattern of infiltration can best be traced by a study of the methods of the Methodist Federation for Social Service headed by Harry F. Ward, reverend professor of religion, who was in Moscow on several consultations and who was the granddaddy, as it were, of how to apply ---Mr. Scherer.: You say Harry F. Ward was in Moscow on a number of occasions? Mr. Kornfeder.: Yes . . . I am sure he saw Bukharin, who was at that time the head theoretician of the Communist International, and I am fairly certain in my mind that he also saw Joe Stalin, because Joe Stalin was very much interested in this living church (emphasis added) approach because he was the one that was originally in charge of it, in the Politburo, Joe Stalin. In fact, when one studies the methods of the Methodist Federation, I wonder who learned from whom, whether it was Harry F. Ward who learned from Stalin or whether Stalin learned from Harry Ward."

## THE LIVING CHURCH

Ibid., pages 2046-7. "Mr. Kornfeder.: . . . They (the Bolshevik leaders) created (emphasis added) a thing that became known as the living church movement. The living church movement was based upon the idea of interpreting the teachings of Christ and the Apostles in a way that would serve to a large extent Communist purposes; that is, for instance, there is a part of the Bible which says that Christ chased the money changers out of the temple. Well, that would be interpreted that Christ was an anticapitalist . . . The reason they had the words "living church" is that the whole concept that they fashioned on that basis was that the church would be occupied itself with the problems of men on earth, whereas the old clergy ignored the problems of men on earth and were, as they say, pontificating into a vacuum . . ."

THE WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH  
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MONDAY November 2, 1964

Mrs. Harry F. Ward, will be the guest of the church, according to James Hugins, minister.

HONORED GUEST:

Mrs. Harry F. Ward has not been as "active" as her husband, Dr. Harry F. Ward; however, she managed to join the League of Women Shoppers and the New York League of Women Shoppers as a member of the Advisory Board. These organizations were characterized as Communist controlled by Guide to Subversive organizations HCUA, revised 1961. For Exhibits showing Mrs. Ward's advisory roll please see HCUA Appendix ix, March 29, 1944, pp. 1006 and 1008.

Communist Party defectors and undercover agents for the FBI have repeatedly testified that the Communist Party does not allow a Party member to live with or remain married to a non-party member. Dr. Harry F. Ward was identified in the testimony of defected Communist Central Committee Member, Manning Johnson, District Organizer, Leonard Patterson, FBI undercover agent Herbert Philbrick and Politburo defector Joseph Zack Kornfeder as a member of the Communist Party and the Anti-God Society of the Soviet Union headed, at one time by Joseph Stalin. See HCUA Hearings on Subversive Activity, New York Area, 1953.

DR. HARRY F. WARD

(1) American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born--sponsor, see HCUA Appendix ix, p.349. Cited subversive and Communist, Attorney-General Tom Clark June 1, 1948.

(2) American Friends of Spanish Democracy--signer HCUA op.cit p.382. In 1937-38, the Communist Party threw itself wholeheartedly into organizing . . . American Friends of Spanish Democracy Guide op. cit. p.21.

(3) American League for Peace and Democracy--national chairman--HCUA op.cit p. 391. Cited as subversive and Communist, Atty-Gen. Tom Clark, June 1, 1948.

(4) American Committee for Struggle Against War, Op. cit p.409 (member) Communist front, HCUA op. cit p.47.

(5) American League Against War and Fascism, Chairman, op.cit. p. 417, cited Subversive and Communist Atty-Gen. Tom Clark, Dec. 4, 1947.

(6) American Peace Mobilization--speaker--Official Program Apr. 5, 1941. Cited subversive and Communist, Atty-Gen. Tom Clark, Dec. 4, 1947.

(7) American Society for Cultural Relations with Soviet Russia--member of advisory council-- Cited as a Communist front. Guide op. cit p.29.

DR. WARD HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN 122 Cited organizations through 1956, where this researchers data ends.

INVESTIGATIONS OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA, JULY 1953:  
Hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, July 1953:

TESTIMONY:

Page 2138 Mr. Scherer (member of the Committee): "Let me ask, did you ever know in your work in the Communist Party a Rev. Harry F. Ward?"

Mr. Patterson (defected District Organizer of the Communist Party) Yes.

Mr. Scherer: Did you know him well?

Mr. Patterson: Yes; I worked with him.

Mr. Kunzig (counsel for the Committee): Would you explain to the committee just how you worked with him and where?

Mr. Patterson: In New York City, I believe in 1933 or early 1934--I believe it was 1933-- Dr. Ward, Earl Browder, myself, Victor Jerome, Manning Johnson, and other top leading members of the Communist Party were assigned to a top fraction. In other words, a top policy-making body of the Communist Party by the central Committee of the Communist Party . . ."

Page 2092 Mr. Kunzig: "did the Communists infiltrate the Methodist Church?"

Mr. Gitlow (member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party): In the infiltration of the Methodist Church, the Communists were highly successful.

Mr. Kunzig: Who were the principal individuals involved in the Communist infiltration of the Methodist Church?

Mr. Gitlow: The principal individuals involved in the Communist conspiracy to subvert the Methodist Church for Communist purposes are: Dr. Harry F. Ward, Reverend Jack R. McMichael, Rev. Charles C. Webber, Rev. Alson J. Smith, Dr. Willard Uphaus, Margaret Forsythe, Rev. Lee H. Ball, and Prof. Walter Rautenstrauch.

"I long for the day when the last preacher is strangled on the guts of the last Congressman, and since the Christians like to sing about the blood so much, we'll give it to them. We'll slit their childrens throats and drag them across the pews and over the mourners' bench"--Gus Hall, National Chmn. CPUSA.

THE WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

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Vera Micheles Dean continued:

- (4.) Golden Book of American Friendship with the Soviet Union--signer--Soviet Russia Today, November 1937, page 79. Communist enterprise, HCUA, App. ix, p.102 3/29/44.
- (5.) Far Eastern Survey--writer--Senate Internal Security Subcommittee "Institute of Pacific Relations", May, June 1952 part 14, page 5531. A fortnightly publication which served as the organ of the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, page 187, revised Dec. 1, 1961.
- (6.) Pacific Affairs--writer--SISS "Institute of Pacific Relations" op. cit. An international quarterly which served as the organ of the Pacific Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations, Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, op. cit p. 196
- (7.) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship recommends her pamphlet, "Russia- Menace or Promise" (1946). Communist, Oxnem Testimony, pp360, 3772 1944, HCUA "Testimony of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam 1953, pp.3788, 3789 exhibit 40, 3601, 3772.

Vera Micheles Dean, stated: "The best way to reform Russia, I believe, is to reform ourselves." American Association of University Women's Journal, Summer-1947.

Sunday Coctober 4, 1964

Charles Coolidge Parlin was the speaker.

Charles Coolidge Parlin, was/is:

- (1.) Trustee of Union Theological Seminary. (See fact sheet on Union Theological.)
- (2.) One of six Presidents of the World Council of Churches.  
"In August 1948 the leaders of the Federal Council went to Amsterdam, Holland, and formed its body on a World-wide scale with the help of men like John Foster Dulles, Charles P. Taft, an Ohio lawyer and newspaper owner, and leading radicals from Union Theological Seminary, New York, which seminary had been classified in the official report of the Joint Legislative Committee to Investigate Seditious Activities in the State of New York, "as a dangerous center of Revolutionary Socialist teaching. . ." page 129, Manual for Survival, Church League of America, Wheaton Illinois, Nov. 1961. The Federal Council of Churches was cited as subversive by Naval Intelligence 1935. The World Council of Churches in 1948 elected as its President for all of Asia, Dr. T.C. Chao, a Communist, Manual for Survival, op. cit. p.130, President for North America, was G. Bromley Oxnam, with forty-two citations of affiliation with Communist, and Communist front organizations, who openly admits he worked with identified Communists over a period of thirty years. Ibid, and Compilation of Public Records of 658 Clergymen and Laymen connected with the National Council of Churches 4/64 p. 125. They elected at least two more Communists to their Central Committee Dr. Joseph Hromodka of Prague and Bishop Albert Bereczky of Hungary, Manual for Survival page 130.  
World Council of Churches: resolution at Amsterdam, 1948, stated, "Communism wins power because it has much truth in its teachings, because it appeals to the loyalties of men . ." Dr. W.A. Visser 't Hooft, President of the World Council of Churches for Europe wrote: "It is really a strange thing that the great saying, 'From each according to his ability, to each according to his need,' is now considered, even by many Christians as a Communist principle. It is good Christian doctrine, though not exactly capitalistic orthodoxy." The Student World, first quarter, 1961. "Christianity in China today is in need of a shakeup and Communism does this admirably", Dr. T.C. Chao, Christian Century, March 2, 1949. World Council of Churches Central Committee member, Bishop K. H. Ting in article "The Church in China Today", The Student World, wrote, "Seeing what the Chinese communists are doing, and what many other people under their influence have done, and are doing, we thank God for them".
- (3.) Delegate, National Council of Churches Fifth World Order Study Conference which called for recognition of Red China and other pro-Communist objectives.
- (4.) Vice-President of National Council of Churches. (See fact sheets).
- (5.) Despite voluminous testimony of expert witnesses showing that the leadership of the Russian Churches are all members of the Secret Police (See Communist Controls on Religious Activity, SISS May 5, 1959), Charles Parlin tried to rebut this testimony. Christian Century May 8, 1963, p 625.
- (6.) Sought to cripple House Committee on UnAmerican Activities. National Republic, April 1954, page 6.

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THE WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

High Point, N.C.

Dr. James Huggins, Pastor

Delbert Byrum, Min. of Educ.

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SUNDAY September 27, 1964

Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, was given the sanctity of the pulpit on four occasions.

Communist Affiliations of Dr. Hazzard:

- (1.) Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges--member--letterhead, Sept. 11, 1941
- (2.) Citizens Victory Committee for Harry Bridges--member--letterhead June 8, 1943.
- (3.) John Reed Clubs--signer of protest against anti-Communist propaganda--New York Times, May 19, 1930.
- (4.) Methodist Federation for Social Action--signer of statement defending MFSA after Kansas City meeting-- leaflet, Dec. 27-29, 1947.
- (5.) Methodist Federation for Social Action--nominee for national committee--ballot, Dec. 27-29, 1947.
- (6.) Methodist Federation for Social Action--anniversary committee member, letterhead, March 11, 1957.
- (7.) Methodist Federation for Social Service--nominee for national committee--ballot, 1945 page 1.
- (8.) National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act--signer of petition--petition, June 22, 1951
- (9.) National Federation for Constitutional Liberties--signer of open letter on Harry Bridges--booklet, July 11, 1942.
- (10.) Open Letter on Harry Bridges-- signer--Daily Worker, July 19, 1942 p. 4.
- (11.) Open Letter Protesting Deportation Order Against Harry Bridges--signer--letter, April 22, 1943.
- (12.) Statement Defending the Communist Party--signer-- Daily Worker, March 5, 1941, page 2.

Description of above organizations (in same order):

- (1.) Communist (Atty-Gen. Tom Clark, ltr to Loyalty Review Board, Apr. 27, '49.
- (2.) Communist front (House Committee on UnAmerican Activities (HCUA) 3/29/44.
- (3.) Out and out Communist organizations (HCUA Appendix ix, p.939 3/29/44.
- (4.) . . . Communists have formed religious fronts such as the Methodist Federation for Social Action (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117. 4/23/1956 p.91.
- (7.) This organization has never deviated in the slightest degree from the line of the Communist Party (HCUA, Appendix ix, page 1052, 3/29/1944
- (8.) Communist front . . . to defend Communist law-breakers (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, S.D. 117, 4/23/56, p.91.
- (9.) Subversive and Communist (Atty-Gen. Tom Clark, 12/4/47.
- (10.) Communist front (HCUA, House Report 1311, p.166, 3/29/44.
- (12.) The entire list is made up primarily of well-known Communists and Communist fellow-travelers (HCUA, Appendix ix, p.645 3/29/44.

MONDAY September 28, 1964

Vera Micheles Dean's book, "The United States and the New Nations", published by the Methodist Board of Social Concerns, was reviewed by Rev. Orion Hutchison, Love Methodist Church, Walkertown, N.C.

About the Author:

She cooperated with the world's toughest Communist agents, such as Tsola N. Dragiocheva of Bulgaria and Madame Madeleine Braun, the French Communist deputy, in helping set up the Congress of American Women, a Communist-front so important in its worldwide ramification that the HCUA devoted a 114 page pamphlet to it. Dr. Felix Wittmer, American Legion Firing Line, 1960, Vol. IX, Issue 12, page 46.

Her writings figured in the Communist propaganda kit for teachers of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. Walter S. Steele HCUA 7/21/47.

- (1.) American Pushkin Committee--advisor--letterhead, 1937. Communist front, HCUA, Appendix ix, p. 1772 3 /29/44.
- (2.) American Russian Institute--member of board of directors--letterhead, July 23, 1937. Communist, Atty-Gen. Tom Clark, 4/27/49.
- (3.) Congress of American Women--organizer--see above. Subversive and Communist, Atty-Gen. Tom Clark, June 1, 1948.

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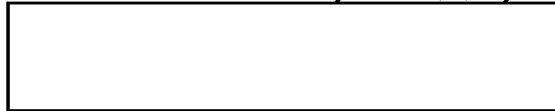
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APPEARING AT WESLEY MEMORIAL METH CHURCH,  
HIGH POINT, N. C.;  
[REDACTED] JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,- Complainant

Attached herewith are are 2 copies of an 8 page mimeographed  
letter directed to members of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point,  
N. C. from ARTHUR SHERRILL LYON, 3417 Hillside Dr., High Point, N. C.,  
an admitted member of JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

LYON turned these copies over to writer on 11-1-64 & stated he had  
distributed 250 copies that date to members of the church.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC ( 100-0 )

DATE: 11-9-64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ARTHUR LYON, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Complt.  
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Attached herewith is a 2 page mimeographed sheet of notes re REV. ~~ORION HUTCHISON~~'s Book Review which he made during early Oct. 1964 at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point and which was furnished writer this date by [REDACTED]

Attention is directed to the last para., page 2 wherein comments by Asst. Director WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN, FBI, are set out.

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BOOK REVIEW MADE BY [REDACTED]  
OF [REDACTED]  
"THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
NEW NAUIGONES" WRITTEN BY  
[REDACTED]

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Attached is a two-page mimeographed sheet of notes taken by [REDACTED] in connection with book review of captioned book which was made by ORION HUTCHINSON during early October, 1964, at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, N.C.

The enclosed was made available to SA [REDACTED] on 11/9/64, by [REDACTED] John Birch Society of North Carolina.

It is noted that Assistant Director WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN is mentioned in last paragraph, page 2.

The foregoing furnished Bureau for information.

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SAC (105-453)

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WILMINGTON CITIZENS COUNCILS  
CHAPTER, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF AMERICA  
RACIAL MATTERS

On 11/13/64 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Wilmington, N. C., advised on a strictly confidential basis the organizational meeting of the Wilmington Citizens Council was held at the El Berta Motel, Market St. Road, Wilmington, N. C., 11/9/64. Approximately 156 persons attended consisting of all white male and female.

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The meeting was presided over by ROBERT A. BYRD,  
[REDACTED]  
Wilmington.

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The 156 persons there came as a result of a letter of invitation sent them by JIM MC LAMB and a brochure later mailed also signed by JIM MC LAMB. [REDACTED]

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The organizational meeting held at the El Berta Motel was open to the public based upon the invitation. At the general meeting DONALD POTEAT, Executive Secretary and Field Representative for North and South Carolina Citizens Council of Charleston, S. C., spoke regarding the danger to the white race which integration would cause. POTEAT was followed by LOUIS W. HOLLIS, Executive Director, Citizens Counsel of America, Jackson, Miss. The informant stated HOLLIS was a very unimpressive individual and made a very poor talk. He was far overshadowed by Poteat who the informant regards as an emotional and historical individual. Both speakers were introduced by BYRD.

The informant stated after the general meeting the invitation was extended to persons who were actually interested in joining or in further information pertaining to the organization. Around 15 to 20 persons left and the press was excluded. Of the remaining who stayed for the second meeting, applications for membership were furnished [REDACTED] 87 applications for membership. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The informant pointed out that a large percentage of the persons attending the meeting both male and female were up in age [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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On 12/8/64 the above furnished the following information which he had received during the preceding week from his source [redacted] known to [redacted] and his organization as [redacted] in any dissemination it should be shown this information came from a member of a private organization who received it from a source whose reliability is not known to the FBI.

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Reference is made to the matter involving the publication by the Charlotte Observer of a photo of a man who was wrongly identified as [redacted] of the [redacted]. This publication had been based upon identification by [redacted] to [redacted] of this photo as being of [redacted]. Since this matter has come into question, and [redacted] has threatened to sue the Observer, [redacted] stated, he has questioned [redacted] further about it, and [redacted] now states he does not know [redacted] but has not given any satisfactory explanation of how, if this is the case, he identified the photo as [redacted] in the first place. (It is to be noted that [redacted] has stated the photo does resemble [redacted] but is not identical).

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[redacted] stated on 11/30/64 that [redacted]

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He further stated that [redacted]

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157-230 (UKA)

157-471 (Charlotte)

157-613 (Kings Mountain)

105-1051 (Winston-Salem)

105-765 (Greensboro)

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Remarks:

In this stage of development of informant, no request is being made to have informant authenticate this report. It is expected that such a request would jeopardize the continued flow of information from him at this point.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 1/21/65

A source advised [redacted] on January 12, 1965, advised a meeting of the [redacted] Klavern of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan took place. On January 11, 1965, at the [redacted] in [redacted] eighteen members were present and two additional members came in late. No robes were worn. The meeting was presided over by [redacted] No visitors were present.

The first order of business was a treasurer's report by [redacted] (last name unknown), believed to be a [redacted]. He indicated the group had \$400 plus in a building fund and \$300 plus in an operating fund.

[redacted] then reported that more money was available. [redacted] indicated a man from [redacted] who never attended meetings and other persons in this area contributed, including several [redacted]

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Then a Klansman (first name unknown) [redacted] from the vicinity of [redacted] asked [redacted] about complaints of another Klansman, whose name was not divulged. [redacted]

[redacted] suggested they should talk to him and give him another chance. [redacted] was assigned to invite this Klansman to the meeting at Durham on Monday night, January 18, 1965.

[redacted]

On 1/12/65 at [redacted]File # [redacted]b2  
b7Dby SA [redacted] :mmkDate dictated 1/15/65b6  
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There was then a discussion concerning a merger with the John Birch Society. A [redacted] and [redacted] invited the Klan to attend a Birch meeting in [redacted] the night of January 11, 1965.

During the discussion, it was determined the organizations could not merge completely because the Birch Society admits Jews, Catholics, and foreigners, whose membership could not be accepted in the Klan. However, the Klan was going to try to recruit some of the qualified Birch members, and it desired the full support of the Birch Society since the Birch Society was believed to have considerable financial backing.

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[redacted] stated it was revealed that if the Negroes commenced demonstrations in this area again out of town Klaverns were pledged to come and try to stop them. No specifics were given as to how this was to be brought about.

One of the Klansmen reported that the Klan now had 12,000 members in North Carolina and hoped to have 36,000 members by the end of the summer, 1965.

[redacted] who was formerly very active in the Klan, had not been at several meetings.

[redacted] stated he suspected that possibly [redacted] supported the Klan. [redacted] had said in the past to [redacted] he was interested in joining but did not want it known that he had done so. [redacted] said he had already received an application. [redacted] has never seen [redacted] at a meeting and does not know if, in fact, he ever did join.

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[redacted] also suspected [redacted] of the [redacted] had possibly joined the Klan since during the summer of 1964 [redacted] had conducted an investigation concerning a stolen car found near [redacted]. During a conversation then, [redacted] said he wanted to join the United Klans of America, Inc. if it could be kept secret. Thereafter, [redacted] reported he had seen a man looking like [redacted] at one meeting of the Klan but had never seen him since.

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[redacted] reported membership application cards were being distributed at the meeting bearing a local [redacted] as well as the addresses of the national office in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the South Carolina office at Spartanburg, and the North Carolina office at Post Office Box 321, Granite Quarry, North Carolina. Other materials being distributed at the meetings included the following:

One-page flyer, unidentified, comparing the Negro and the ape

One-page flyer of the Durham County Citizens Council, Post Office Box 566, Durham, North Carolina, captioned, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Goes to Native Land with his Communist Aide, BAYARD RUSTIN."

One-page Alamance County Citizens report, reprinted October, 1964, listing a number of executive orders purportedly signed by President KENNEDY for the establishment of a centralized world religion control

The Revre Report put out by the Post Office Box 244, Durham, expressing various Government policies to help our enemies and hurt this country

Pamphlet, "Aims of Red Pro-Negro Plot," put out by the National United Klans of America, Inc. Headquarters

Pamphlet, "An Introduction to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan"

A January 4, 1965, copy of the "Augusta Courier," Augusta, Georgia, circulated by the Durham County Citizens Council

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[REDACTED] CHAPTER,  
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF AMERICA  
RACIAL MATTERS

On 12/10/64, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on a strictly confidential basis, that at the regular meeting of the chapter held 12/7/64, the following key officers were elected:



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Informant stated [REDACTED] was being considered for the office of secretary. Committee Chairmen were also considered but no action was taken.

Informant advised [REDACTED] appears to be an efficient individual in organization and in informant's opinion will "run the show."

Informant stated [REDACTED] would not put up with any foolishness and from organizational meetings, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] seem willing to allow [REDACTED] full authority.

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The informant stated attendance at this meeting [redacted] and outside of electing principal officers, no business was discussed. [redacted] did make a statement indicating in his opinion the group could be most effective in political circles by "block voting."

On 1/7/65, the source advised [redacted] discouraged with the lack of enthusiasm of the chapter's members. A general meeting was called by [redacted] for Monday, 12/21/64 and only 17 or 18 persons appeared. [redacted] feels that at least 50 to 60 members should attend any general meeting. Informant stated at the present time there are approximately 120 members with the average age of the group above 50.

[redacted] indicated they felt the group should interest young people in this organization and discussed the possibility of going to school authorities, meaning [redacted] and [redacted] in an effort to establish chapters in these schools. Informant stated [redacted] was opposed to this inasmuch as he and others knew that the school authorities in either school would not grant such privileges of organization.

Informant advised that [redacted] "a state of frustration and disappointment" as to the chapter's efforts to get established. Informant feels [redacted]

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[redacted] The informant stated thus far, in his opinion, now that [redacted]



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The informant stated [REDACTED]

On 1/20/65, informant stated there had been no activity,  
and [REDACTED] discouraged over organizational developments

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Brief description of activity or material  Announcement made by [redacted] to [redacted] [redacted] Klavern that plans are underway to recruit people, both in [redacted]		File where original is located if not [redacted]	b2 b6 b7C b7D hed
Remarks: [redacted] with the aim of creating Klaverns there. It is the plan of the Klan to have 100 units by the spring of 1965. The [redacted] Klavern is cautious about accepting members for fear that someone will talk too much about the Klan activity.			

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① [redacted] 157-417 [redacted]  
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January 20, 1965  
Durham, North Carolina

On the night of January 18, 1965, the regular weekly meeting of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, [redacted] Klavern, took place at the cinder block meeting house on [redacted] Twenty-two people were present. A man named [redacted] came from [redacted] [redacted] and talked with the group in [redacted] He told them that invitations have been received from the [redacted] Police Department to send representatives of the Klan into that area in order to sign up individuals as members there. There are plans to set up a Klavern in [redacted] It was also announced that there would be a drive in [redacted] [redacted] for Klansmen to join in that area and to set up a Klavern there. It was announced that it was the intention of the Klan to increase to 100 units by spring of 1965.

The name of the policeman at [redacted] who had issued this invitation was unknown. It was reported however that he was one of the night policemen in [redacted] and a man who had previously made a visit to the [redacted] Klavern of the Klan.

It was also announced that the Klan leader, EOB JONES, was in Alabama for surgery. In Alabama, there is a

surgeon who is a member of the Klan and who had offered to operate on JONES' arm which was damaged in a wreck in the past. The surgeon felt that he could increase JONES' use of the arm 15 per cent. The Klan was paying for the operation.

It was also reported that four representatives of the [ ] Klavern had been to a meeting of a John Birch group that had been held somewhere outside of [ ] It had been previously announced to the Klan that there were some members of the Birch Society that were interested in combining with the Klan. These four representatives reported back to the [ ] Klavern on the night of January 20, 1965, saying that they had not announced their affiliation with the Klan to the Birch group when they had talked with the members. They said that the Birch members had commented that none of them would join the Klan because the Klan had a bad reputation. The representatives of the Klan advised that they had noticed right much drinking and immorality on the part of the Birch members while they were visiting. They had also determined that Jews, Negroes, and Catholics all belonged to the John Birch Society. It had also been announced that Birchites had commented it was no trouble to

get into the Klan. All an applicant had to do was to put his dues down. Because of this feeling toward them, the organization in [ ] decided not to go along with the idea of consolidating their work with that of the Birch Society. b7D

One member was taken in on the night of January 18, 1965, in [ ] There were 22 applications remaining to be passed upon. This accumulation of applications has been there for some while. [ ] the Klavern leader, cautioned that each time a man's name was brought up before the group, that every member present must speak up about him. If any one of them had any objection to him, he must make this known. The Klan has to be cautious to see that no man gets in who might talk too much. Therefore, the local Klavern is going very slowly on acceptance of memberships in the [ ] area. b6 b7C b7D

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC ( ~~100-92~~ 100-9548 )

DATE: 3-2-65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] *grd*  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFO CONCERNING

On 3-2-65, captioned individual who lives at [REDACTED] b6  
[REDACTED] and is an admitted member of JOHN BIRCH b7C  
Society furnished the following literature, which is  
enclosed herewith:

4 page press release dated 9-11-60 from Senate Internal  
Security Subcommittee relating to CASTRO & CUBA.

1 copy of DAN SMOOT REPORT, dated 3-23-64 concerning  
"COMMUNIST SPIES IN THE STATE DEPT."

8 page pamphlet "COUNTERATTACK" dated 8-28-64 entitled  
"THE NEGRO REBELLION: AN APPRAISAL"

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[redacted]  
present at 3/8/65 meeting as Klansman.  
Representative from [redacted] spoke  
at meeting of the [redacted] activity and  
indicated he expected to have a group present  
at [redacted] celebration 4/24-25/65;  
Remarks: [redacted] leader, constantly insists  
to membership that no unprovoked  
action be taken by any member of Klan.

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**100-9548 John Birch Society**  
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March 9, 1965

On the night of March 8, 1965, a meeting of the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,

[redacted] took place at the regular meeting house on [redacted]. A total of 34 people were counted, but there were others who were not in the main meeting hall at the time and it is approximated that about 40 were present. Three men were inducted into membership that night. No names could be obtained.

It was noted that [redacted]

[redacted] was present as a member that night.

It was a meeting led by [redacted] who dwelled on the subject of Klansmen conducting themselves in a nice, gentlemanly fashion. He said it was very important there be no trouble, and anyone who takes the initiative in starting trouble would be expelled. It was also reported that drinking on the part of members would not be condoned. He held up 60 applications, he said, and said that this many men wanted to come into the Klan in [redacted] but that they would not be accepted because they had a drinking problem.

He pointed out that the group was trying to build strength for voting purposes.

There was some discussion of the attendance at the celebration to be held at the [redacted] in [redacted] April 24 and 25.

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[redacted] told the group that if any man present there started any difficulty or jumped on anyone without provocation that his Klan membership card would be withdrawn and destroyed.

It was reported that there would be people coming in cars, and it is known that some of these people in cars would remain in them and they would be armed to defend the Klansmen in the case of attack.

There was a man whose name was not announced who came there from the [redacted] Klavern. He said that there would be a group attending this meeting who came from [redacted]. He also announced that there were 98 Klaverns in the State of North Carolina, but some of these 98 had not been fully set up, because of organizational difficulties or because of manpower.

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He said that the Klansmen could count on a number of other organizations backing the Klansmen in their work. He mentioned the John Birch Society, the Citizens Council and the Minute Men as organizations backing the group. It is noted that he said there were no organizations of the Minute Men in North Carolina, but there were perhaps two million members of the Minute Men elsewhere in the United States.

It was also announced that the Klan did not like nor did it want to affiliate with the John Birch group.

The man from [ ] spoke of the arrest of one of the members there by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He referred to the man as one having had a bad leg and that he was "dragged out of his house". The Klan in New Bern was contemplating the possibility of a civil suit against individuals arresting him, but that would not be undertaken until it was finally decided through court action whether this man had been involved in the bombing and the dynamiting as he has been accused of being involved. He said in the event he had been involved in such activity, the Klan was going to expell him.

There was some private talk about the situation at the [redacted]

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[redacted] This is a club operated by Negroes which is attending by white people. The Klansmen are quite concerned about white women attending this club. There was a lot of talk about possible action concerning these white women, but nothing definite was decided.

[redacted] a former officer in the [redacted] Klavern, has almost completely stopped attending Klavern meetings in [redacted]

[redacted] but was not adequately supported in order to get the nomination. [redacted]

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[redacted] was supposed to support [redacted] but [redacted] knew that [redacted] was too radical in his ideas and was always constantly wanting to take personal action against people. Consequently, [redacted] had not supported [redacted] with any enthusiasm and [redacted] felt like he had been stabbed in the back.

[redacted] has indicated that he is thinking about getting out of the Klan.

There was some conversation about money at the meeting. This is money obtained from voluntary

contributions and the purposes for rent, sick benefits and for traveling expenses. They are saving the monies coming from the dues for planning a building.

The man from [ ] spoke about the march in Selma, Alabama, saying that the activities in that State were bringing many members to them in [ ]

[ ] It was noted at that time that [ ] of the [ ] Klavern, had received a telegram from the Klan in Alabama thanking the [ ] group for [ ] that had been sent to their support. This telegram thanked them for the money but pointed out that money was not needed, that there was sufficient money in Alabama.

[ ] made a general announcement that anyone using dynamite or having it in his possession would be automatically thrown out of the Klan. He pointed out that the Klan was trying to serve the Government, and any person who did this kind of violence was not serving the Government.

He further said that anyone engaged in this activity, or one who shot an officer would be turned over to the Government for prosecutive action by Klan members themselves.

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There has been some discussion about a white woman riding with a Negro. She is not known to the members of the Klan. There was a heavy set fellow from [redacted] whose name was not known, who volunteered to find out the identity of this woman and take personal action against her. He suggested that he would get out of the Klan and work on the Negro that was transporting the woman and take the consequences. He said if the others did not want him to come back into the Klan, they did not have to have him back. This was considered to be just a lot of "big talk". The representative from [redacted] stated that this kind of activity must not be engaged in, that any kind of action must be group action and that if needed would come later.

It was announced that in Alabama both sides, the Negroes and the whites, are violating the law, but the whites had to do that because of the Negro potential at rape and murder. The whites were doing that in order

to control the Negroes. This latter information, according to the source, was "coffee shop talk".



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Charlotte, North Carolina

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RACIAL MATTERS  
(KLAN)

On April 21, 1965, Captain [redacted] Police Department, [redacted] advised he had received information from various sources that [redacted] who is described as a white male, age about [redacted], and who reportedly is a member of the John Birch Society, had in his possession two rifles, two shotguns, and one pistol which he usually carries in his car.

He stated he also received information that [redacted] reportedly has some type of cocoanut oil or cocoanut butter which is an inflammable material, which could be used for making homemade fire bombs. He stated [redacted] reportedly is a very radical individual, and he is determined to "kill all the communists" and, according to his report, may be [redacted]

He stated [redacted] is a former student at [redacted]

He further advised [redacted] had [redacted]

Captain [redacted] stated he had talked with some members of the John Birch Society unit in [redacted] and due to the radical ideas of [redacted] they were to expell him from the John Birch Society.

He stated [redacted] reportedly is now driving a 1957 Dodge, two-door, color black, bearing 1965 North Carolina

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license [redacted] and he or officers of his department at the appropriate time intends to stop [redacted] when he is in his car and determine what type of weapons he has in his possession.

Captain [redacted] advised he has no knowledge of any threats made by [redacted] toward any Government official. He stated he does not presently have a photograph of [redacted]

He further advised he had received reports that [redacted] is associating with members of the [redacted] Klavern of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, but he does not know whether [redacted] is a member of this organization.

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is attached as an appendix to this memorandum.

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute, and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NORTH CAROLINA)  
(UNITED KLANS)

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On August 17, 1964, a source advised that the North Carolina organization of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, became affiliated with the national organization of the same group in the Spring of 1961. The State Headquarters are at the residence of North Carolina Grand Dragon JAMES ROBERTSON JONES, Granite Quarry, North Carolina, who is subordinate to the national organization with headquarters at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The organization in North Carolina has the same aims and objectives as the parent group; that is, advocacy of segregation of the races and white supremacy.



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RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

REFERENCE

Memorandum at Charlotte,  
North Carolina, dated  
April 21, 1965, captioned  
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RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Copies of LHM are being disseminated to local  
military intelligence and to Secret Service.Interview with Capt.  PD,   
 was handled by SA A new 157 case is being opened in the Charlotte  
Office concerning  for development of background  
information and to contact informant with USA.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-9548)

DATE: 4/26/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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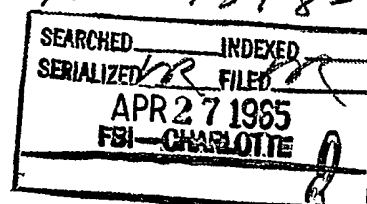
SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFO CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

On 4/26/65 [REDACTED] of Bessmer City, N.C.,  
telephone 629 2872, telephonically contacted this office  
to obtain information pertaining to the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.  
Her interest was prompted by an advertisement in the  
Bessmer City Record which asked "Have you had enough".  
When she answered the add, she was contacted by a man  
from Charlotte who said the advertisement was for the JOHN  
BIRCH SOCIETY. *mf*

During the course of her conversation she was  
told she could make \$8,000 a year as an employee for the  
Society. Her duties were not explained to her but she was  
invited to attend a meeting in Gastonia at 7:30PM 4/26/65.  
She was concerned about attending the meeting but she  
stated that she would attend and then draw her own conclusions  
since the F.B.I. would not furnish information on the  
Society.

[REDACTED] was advised that information in the files  
of the FBI is confidential and in the event she desired to  
obtain a list of the listed subversive organizations she  
could contact the U.S. Department of Justice, Internal  
Security Division, Subversive Control Section, Washington,  
D.C.

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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (174-6),  
 FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (174-3) (RUC)  
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 (OO: BIRMINGHAM)

[REDACTED]  
 RACIAL MATTER  
 (OO: BIRMINGHAM)  
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Re Charlotte airtel to Birmingham 6/4/65.

Enclosed for Birmingham are 25 copies each of four FD 302s covering (1) Description of items on [REDACTED] person 6/3/65 (2) description of items in car in [REDACTED] possession at time of arrest 6/3/65 (3) Results of interview of [REDACTED] 6/4/65 (4) results of interview with [REDACTED] 6/7/65.

One copy of each of the aforementioned FD 302s is enclosed for other offices receiving copies of this communication for information and possible future action, inasmuch as the names of individuals in their respective territories are mentioned.

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~~NEW HANOVER CITIZENS COUNCIL~~  
~~WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA~~

The title of this case has been marked changed to reflect the true name of the organization, New Hanover Citizens Council, Wilmington, N. C., and to delete the word "Council; Father Business of Marine Club."

Efforts were made to contact [redacted]

on 5/4/65, 6/11/65,

7/5/65, 7/13/65, and 7/19/65.

On 7/20/65, [redacted]

[redacted] advised due to the nature of his present employment, [redacted] he has been absent from the city constantly since his original contact on 4/28/65. [redacted] stated he now travels for [redacted] and will be in and out of the Wilmington area on a regular basis. [redacted] stated yesterday, 7/22/65, he was in conversation with [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] in the telephone from Atlanta, Ga., had ever contacted him again. [redacted] informed [redacted] that the organization was starting in New Hanover County [redacted]

He stated after arriving, he discovered that he was attending a meeting of the New Hanover County Citizens Council.

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The meeting was presided over by a [redacted] who controlled the meeting and every person present seemed to rely on [redacted] for his judgment.

[redacted] present including himself, and another [redacted]

The meeting started at [redacted] and concluded at [redacted]. The program was in charge of [redacted] who delivered a well-prepared talk on White supremacy. This talk lasted approximately 15 minutes. [redacted] appeared to be the [redacted] of the group.

In addition to [redacted] 15 minute talk on White supremacy, the predominant subject of conversation was [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stated he could tell from the meeting and discussions that this was not a well-organized group, but whenever [redacted] spoke, everything was quiet and all listened to his remarks. He described [redacted] as a very intelligent person, one who seemed to talk with authority and completely dominated the group. He stated that [redacted] seemed to be a "rebel rouser."

[redacted] advised [redacted] [redacted] seemed to be the predominate factor in keeping the group together. He stated from comments made by persons present it was evident that she was really the only one doing anything about efforts to keep the association together. He mentioned that letters had been written to approximately 85 percent whom she thought would be interested, but they had only

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received four or five replies. One reply was an anonymous reply, with a \$5 bill enclosed in the envelope. [redacted] cited that the Charlotte Chapter of the Citizens Council had been most successful in a drive for members, who called "eyeball to eyeball." [redacted] explained that this system used by Charlotte was a letter was written to an individual stating that representatives of the organization would call on them for a visit at a certain date. On this date the persons, usually two, would make a person-to-person visit on the prospective member and she cited that this was the reason that they called it eyeball to eyeball operation. She suggested this system be adopted in Wilmington, in order to interest new members. No specific action was taken and [redacted] stated he could definitely tell her was the prime mover in securing members.

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He stated [redacted] was designated as the voice for the association and his identity will be made known to the public. [redacted] in his late [redacted] moving to [redacted] area. An honorary membership was given to [redacted]

At night, [redacted] agreed to take [redacted] wherever he desired. [redacted] stated from the discussion, [redacted] will attend meetings of the City Council, New Hanover County Board of Commissioners, Board of Education, and other meetings of governing bodies open to the public, as a spokesman for the Citizens Council. [redacted] stated he could not see how [redacted] due to his age and physical condition, would be of any influence.

[redacted] stated it was very obvious the group was interested in establishing block voting within their group and to attempt to influence others in supporting them politically.

[redacted] stated the next meeting scheduled for 8/13/65 was to be held at the residence, [redacted] (Wilmington City Directory

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does not list such an address.)

[redacted] stated he has not decided to join the organization, but if in town when meetings are held, will possibly attend them to find out more of the organization. He stated it was apparent that this was another means of raising money as the organization had various pieces of literature and encouraged the members to get out and sell.

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Inasmuch as the Better Business of America Club is true name of Citizens Council, it is recommended that this file be closed administratively and further information furnished by this source will be designated for the New Havener Citizens Council file.

A copy of this is being designated for 105-603, Charlotte, N. C., Chapter, Citizens Council of America, in view of the eyeball to eyeball operation.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Birch Society PR Man Comes Here To Seek Members

By J.A.C. DUNN  
Observer Staff Writer

Thomas J. Davis, Eastern U.S. public relations director for the John Birch Society, came to Charlotte Tuesday drumming up conservative trade and mending JBS public image fences.

In a rich, confident, mellifluous baritone he delivered what for many people may be a few unexpected words from the mount of republicanism (with a small r).

Davis is a smooth talker and an adroit thinker. He parries arguments neatly, explains the John Birch Society with clarity and verbal economy, and is one of those rare Americans who uses faultlessly correct grammar when speaking off the cuff.

On the street he would look innocuous. In a motel room he looks self-contained and slightly scholarly, like a man who spends much of his time working on paper in an office. His manners are graceful and pleasant, but not exactly shy.

His mission was fund-raising and membership increase. The JBS doubled its membership last year, he said, particularly during the general election. Its present national membership is about 100,000, he said, and it hopes to increase this to 400,000 by 1966.

In North Carolina it hopes for 7,000 members by 1966, "but we have quite a distance to go to reach this."

The JBS has been beefing itself up recently, streamlining its recruitment system at the same time. Back in 1958, when the Society was founded by Robert Welch, prospective members had to listen to seven hours of tape recordings of proceedings of a seminar on Americanism.

This prerequisite later was reduced to watching a two-hour and 15-minute film of Robert Welch delivering a speech. Not long ago this was replaced by a 55-minute film produced by JBS's own recently established studio.

The JBS's 70 coordinators, scattered over the nation, each have a copy of this film and a

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**Thomas J. Davis**

projector, which they bring to meetings of interested people.

North Carolina's coordinator is M. L. Grose of Charlotte, "and he's out at meetings nearly every night of the week," Davis said.

The JBS wants more members, not because it plans to become anything like a third political party, but because it needs money to finance its projects.

Among these projects:

— Increasing the staff of coordinators by 250.

— Increasing its local libraries from 350 to 1,000.

— Financing its recently established police relief fund for the families of policemen killed or injured on duty. This fund was started after a Negro deputy sheriff was shot and killed in Louisiana several months ago. It is intended to help offset the demoralization of local police forces all over the country by "outcries of police brutality."

(Davis admits the probability that critics of the JBS will claim the police relief fund is a grandstand move, having been sparked by the death of a Negro. But, he says, this was not the motive behind it.)

Davis explained the nature of JBS membership:

Half men and half-women; about half and half Democrat and Republican, probably with a slight Republican edge since Goldwater; a good professional cross-section, mostly middle class, from

working men (the society has a chapter comprised mostly of Teamsters Union members in New York) to the wealthy; "virtually no teen-agers, not too many in their 20s, more in their 30s, most between 40 and 60, some older than that"; and, "as Mr. Welch says humorously, about 60 per cent Protestant, 40 per cent Catholic and one per cent Jewish, which he admits adds up to 101 per cent, but that means we have very few Jews — though the ones we have are fine people, good members."

He said geographical distribution varies widely.

The society also has a few Negro members.

Davis explained what the JBS is against: "A lot of people say we're just an anti-Communist organization, but this isn't strictly true. We are reacting against a change in our government and our way of living over the past few years."

This change, he said, is from a republic, in which the government's powers are carefully restricted, to a democracy, which he said was the cause of the fall of ancient Greece and Rome, and which the framers of the Constitution hoped America would never see.

True democracy ("The word is badly used nowadays"), he said, gives too much power to the government.

The JBS, he said, is against fascism, socialism and communism, at one extreme; and against anarchy ("That's what we just saw in Los Angeles") at the other. "That puts the John Birch Society right in the middle."

The JBS is concentrating on

communism at the moment because it considers communism the nation's most serious enemy.

The JBS also is against the Ku Klux Klan, Davis said, because the klan "is on the attorney general's list of subversive organizations and has been there for years. Not many people know that." It also is against the Minutemen, whose founder, Robert DePugh, was expelled from the John Birch Society.

He admits that teen-agers and college students are intelligent enough to think for themselves politically ("though not as well as their elders, of course, because they aren't as mature").

He admits that most high school teachers and college professors, though predominantly "liberal" and given to "brainwashing" students, are not pro-Communist ("though this doesn't necessarily mean they're anti-Communist").

But he does not admit that a Communist should be allowed to speak on any platform, public or private, without certain conditions being met. He believes the speaker should start by saying, "I am a Communist. I am here to violently overthrow your government," as a formula preamble; this preamble should itself be preceded by a responsible official stating the federal government's definition of a Communist; and a "fair and honest picture of the situation" should be presented to students in classrooms.

Even then, Davis is not sure the speaker ban law could be dropped. The Constitution should not provide protection for enemies of the country, he said.

"And if we're ignorant of the nature of communism now, then we've already lost the war."

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YOU'RE INTERESTED. THIS IS A PROGRAM  
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CHRISTIANITY CONFRONTS COMMUNISM

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66- A series of six Sunday afternoon programs 5 - 6 P. M.

Date	Program
October 3	DR. WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN (Presbyterian Minister, Missionary for 44 years and served 33 years in China until expelled by the Chinese Communists)
October 10	CY BAHAKEL (Pres. of Bahakel Broadcasting Co., WCCB-TV Charlotte; well known speaker on Communist techniques and tactics)
October 17	"COMMUNIST ENCIRCLEMENT" (A film revealing the Communist conspiracy for world conquest)
October 24	RALPH C. CLONTZ, JR. (Noted Charlotte Lawyer; former undercover agent for the F. B. I. who infiltrated the C. P. U.S.A.)
October 31	MRS. MC CHORD WILLIAMS (Prominent Methodist laywoman; active in W.S.C.S. and community affairs.)
November 7	CONCLUDING PROGRAM - (To be announced)

These programs will be presented in the Chapel of  
Kilgo Methodist Church  
2101 Belvedere Ave.

For Further Information call:

Mrs. Don Davis  
537-8267

\*A Nursery will be provided.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-9548)

DATE: 9-21-65

FROM : SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
RACIAL MATTERS

RE: CHRISTIANITY CONFRONTS COMMUNISM

On 9-14-65, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] furnished a leaflet captioned "Christianity  
Confronts Communism," which reflects a series of six Sunday  
afternoon programs commencing October 3 and running through  
November 7. The programs are to be presented in the Chapel of  
Kilgo Methodist Church, Charlotte, and [REDACTED] made hand-  
written notation on leaflet that the program is really sponsor-  
ed by John Birch people in Charlotte, and that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] are planners and that  
[REDACTED] Further, that the group had no  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC DATE: 9/27/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
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On 9/25/65, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] furnished the attached leaflet, which reflects  
a comparison of the objectives of captioned organization with  
those of the Communist Party. The author or publisher of this  
leaflet is not shown.

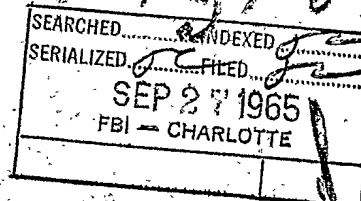
[REDACTED] stated this leaflet was addressed to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] same address and was postmarked  
Charlotte, N. C., 9/23/65. [REDACTED] have no idea who  
mailed it to them nor why.

It would appear that this leaflet was published  
by a conservative or right-wing organization.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan





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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-9548)

DATE: 11/3/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: RECORDINGS BURLINGTON, N. C.,  
DOWNGRADING UNICEF  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS  
POSSIBLE JOHN BURCH SOCIETY

On 10/27/65, [REDACTED] *sh*

[REDACTED] a program at Burlington on WBBB called "Blow Your Stack". This is a program where people who have a general gripe or grudge can state over the telephone and have the same transmitted out over the air at the same time.

At present, the United Nations Children's Association is attempting to organize these children to obtain items for UNICEF to be transmitted to foreign nations to assist the needy children.

[REDACTED] a call from an unknown lady asking over the radio [REDACTED] received information about telephone number 226-5506 in Burlington, N. C., inasmuch as this number, if dialed, transmitted back to the dialer apparently a record which downgraded UNICEF and stated not to contribute to UNICEF and ended up by saying "Give it to us."

[REDACTED] stated that he had checked with the telephone company and ascertained that the number 226-5506 had been assigned to an organization sounding similar to American Freedom or Freedom Foundation.

[REDACTED] stated that he has been calling this number in attempts to get a recording of the recording that comes back over the telephone but has not been successful. He stated that apparently [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it has created a desire by many people to call the number to see what is happening.

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He said he has called several times today without getting the number. He receives a busy signal.

[redacted] advised that to his knowledge there is no Federal violation and that he will attempt to obtain a recording on the phone and if he feels the Bureau should be further advised that there is any subversive activities, he will do so.

No active investigation is suggested; however, inasmuch as [redacted] it is felt that a possible contact next time in Burlington may be desired.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-9548)

DATE: 12/6/65

FROM : SA JAMES M. UNDERHILL

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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'It is the communists alone who have created the vicious campaign of hate which is weakening and dividing the American people. Without hate a communist is like a soldier without a gun. Don't fall for this fate, the Negro is being used by the communists to do their dirty work'.

For further knowledge concerning communism and civil rights, send ten cents in coin to Box 12421, Charlotte, N. C., 28205, for your copy of two revolution memoirs or purchase at the American Opinion Library to be opened soon at 1208 East 36th Street here in Charlotte. As a reminder, the Honorable JOHN H. ROUSSLEAU will speak on the subject civil rights, communist betrayal of a good cause, Wednesday, December first, 8:00 p.m., Heart of Charlotte Motor Inn, 3815 North Tryon Street. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

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RE: "LET FREEDOM RING," SPONSORED  
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On December 7, 1965, Charlotte telephone number 536-0316 was telephoned and a recorded voice of a woman, talking fast, gave the following message:

"Let Freedom Ring

"Our President, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, who was willing to bind himself to a treacherous crew of traitors, demigods and publicans in order to win an election, is now cunning enough to realize that the tide is turning the other way. But he dares not follow or he will impeach himself from office and his place in history. He has already begun to bend a little to the right and for this he is being cursed by the left wing radical leaders who campaigned so vigorously for his election. Those same people who cried for the blood of BARRY GOLDWATER are now crying for the blood of LYNDON JOHNSON.

"Before we go forward with what seems to be an optimistic view of our nation's future for conservative minded people, let us take a look backward into the darkness of a most disturbing subject, the National Council of Churches. This has turned into an international political organization headed up by a group of liberals posing as authorities of religion. Under the United Nations One World Plan, they are attempting to tear apart each Christian denomination's doctrine because of the fact they are aware that they cannot bring all religions under one roof with one half believing Christ to be the Messiah and the other half condemning him.

"Among the endorsements of the National Council of Churches are that we pull out of South Vietnam, civil disobedience, that we read the writings of LANGSTON HUGHES, a noted Negro communist, and an international police force.

RE: "LET FREEDOM RING," SPONSORED BY  
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

"Dr. VAN KIRK, Director of the National Council of Churches, Department of Internal Justice and Good Will, delivered a speech before the Southern California ministers in February of 1953. His subject was 'The Church and World Government.' He said in a press release, 'The surest way to achieve some form of world government is through the United Nations, a super world with constitutional authority and with sufficient police force to impose its judgments on sovereign nations states.'

"It is entirely impossible for Christians to understand why an international police force is needed if the one world plans are so perfect. Stand up for more old-time religion in your church. Speak up for what you think is good in the eyes of your Redeemer.

"For more information send thirty cents in coin to American Opinion Library, 1208 East 36th Street, Charlotte, N. C., for your booklet, 'The National Council of Churches, A Menace to Church and State.'

"Let Freedom Ring, 2801 Hilliard Drive."

The December 2, 1965, issue of the "Charlotte News," a Charlotte, North Carolina, daily newspaper, carried an article entitled, "Birchers Claim Charlotte Growth." This article reflected that the John Birch Society in the Charlotte area has grown from one chapter in early 1965 to 40 chapters now. Much of the growth is credited to section organizers, one of whom is GEORGE A. WILSON, of Charlotte, who is sponsor of the "Let Freedom Ring" recorded telephone message service in Charlotte.

This article quoted Mr. WILSON as saying that the response has been great to the "Let Freedom Ring" service which he initiated the previous week. He said the machine, which can give a recorded message to two callers at the same time, runs almost continuously.





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This LHM is being disseminated locally to Secret  
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T-1 in enclosed LHM is [redacted] who furnished  
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Telephone number 536-0316 was dialed on 11/30/65 and  
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No further action being taken by Charlotte, UACB.

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JOHN ROUSSELOT

## Bircher Says Papers Treat His Unit Fairly

By CLYDE WILSON  
News Staff Writer

The John Birch Society receives fair treatment from the majority of U. S. news media, the society's national public relations director, John Roussetot, told a Charlotte audience last night.

"We are getting from 700 to 1,000 mentions a day in the press all over the country," said the former congressman from San Marino, Cal. "We feel the majority of these are fair presentations of facts and not the kind of interpretations we used to see."

MR. ROUSSELOT spoke to a well-dressed group which almost filled the convention hall at the Heart of Charlotte Motor Inn last night.

The audience ranged from teenagers to the elderly. Some came from as far away as Hendersonville.

He and other Birch society speakers are receiving surprisingly fair coverage in college newspapers; the soft-spoken Roussetot told about 200 members, sympathizers and interested persons.

The talk was billed as "Communist betrayal of a good cause—civil rights."

Mr. Roussetot spent an hour reviewing documents and reports which he said showed Community Party interest in fomenting and exploiting racial strife.

"But proof of Communist intent is not proof of Communist control of the civil rights movement," he said. "It becomes incumbent on us to demonstrate the extent of Communist control in the movement."

He reviewed what he described as the Communist-front backgrounds and Communist associations of civil rights leaders Dr. Martin Luther King, Bayard Rustin, James Farmer and Roy Wilkins.

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# Birchers Claim Charlotte Growth

By HUGH FULLERTON  
News Staff Writer

The John Birch Society in the Charlotte area has grown from one chapter early this year to 40 now, society officials said yesterday.

The growth is a result of a concentrated recruitment effort, John H. Rousselot, national public relations director for the society, said in a one-day visit to the area.

M. Luther Grose of Charlotte has been working as a full-time society coordinator for Western North Carolina since February, but he credits much of the

growth to section coordinators who work under him.

The section coordinators have regular jobs outside the society, but they spend a great amount of time in society work, Mr. Grose said.

Such a section coordinator is George A. Wilson of Charlotte, sponsor of the "Let Freedom Ring" recorded telephone message service here.

Now that the society is getting established here, it will branch out into other activities, the officials said. Mr. Rousselot said that these activities could include bringing in speakers for local groups, increased dissemination of society and conservative publications, and formation of local committees for specific purposes.

AN AMERICAN Opinion Library is being set up by a John Birch Society member, R. Reid Stubbs, in back of his restaurant at 1208 E. 36th St.

The library, due to open about Dec. 15, will have a complete stock of conservative reading material. It is being sponsored and financed by Mr. Stubbs.

Participation in a "Support

Your Local Police" committee is a project on the local society agenda, Mr. Grose said. Such committees have been organized elsewhere in the country with Birch Society help.

Mr. Wilson reported that citizens, including some society members, are organizing a committee to follow up the recent work of the mayor's committee on obscenity, and point out pornographic materials being sold locally which were missed by that committee.

Mr. Wilson said that response has been great to the "Let Freedom Ring" service which he initiated last week. The machine, which can give recorded messages to two callers at the same time, runs almost continuously, Mr. Wilson said.

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### III. So We Collide With Communism

These purposes bring us immediately into conflict with the Communists, on two levels. On the ideological plane the Communists are always and everywhere to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and a amoral world. And on the plane of action, all the Communists can be stopped from completing their subjugation of the whole world, there will be no opportunity for us to move forward at all towards our permanent goals.

We have undertaken, therefore, to play a leading role in slowing down, stopping, and eventually routing the Communist conspiracy. We realize that the one thing no conspiracy can withstand is the light of day on its activities. The only danger to their gigantic conspiracy which the Communists fear is *exposure*. For this reason, we do all that we can to bring to our fellow citizens more knowledge and a better understanding of the methods, the progress, and the menace of the Communist machine. In this undertaking we have become a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have never faced before in any of the vast areas they have already taken over.

So the Communists, grasping this fact very early, set out in 1961 to destroy us. The most official Communist publication in the United States is *The Worker*, in which the line is laid down for the faithful. During the last six months of 1961 there was, we believe, only one issue of his weekly paper which did not contain an attack somewhere in its pages on The John Birch Society; and a number of issues contained as many as six or seven separate attacks on us at that many different places. The Comsymps got the point, and have been carrying out the indicated program with increasing furor ever since.

Of course the Communists follow Lenin's basic strategy of advancing Communism by non-Communist hands. They could never impose the tyrannical rule of some three percent of a population over the whole population — which they repeatedly do in one country after another — unless they could inveigle enough non-Communists and even anti-Communists among that other ninety-seven percent into doing their dirty work for them. Deceptively appealing, for instance, to every motivation in human character, from sordid selfishness to "practical politics" to misguided idealism, they have gradually beguiled a lot of very good Americans into joining the attack on us. Until the maligning of The John Birch Society, has

joining the chorus of attack on The John Birch Society. Very few of them indeed have ever realized the extent to which they were running interference for the Communists.

A related part of the mammoth and many-faceted campaign which the Communists have now generated against us is the deliberate and widespread attempt to associate The John Birch Society in the public mind with the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan, and other so-called "extremists of the left and of the right." Our approach to the problems of today is so different from the viewpoint of the Klans that we have never knowingly admitted a member of any Klan into the Society. We estimate that about forty percent of our total membership is Catholic. Many of our finest Chapter Leaders are Jewish. And we are very proud of our small but growing number of Negro members, who are working so hard — and so courageously — with us to show our fellow citizens, both white and colored, how the Negroes are being used today by the Communists to serve Communist purposes.

So we have no similarity or sympathy whatsoever with the Klans. While the so-called American Nazi Party, according to J. Edgar Hoover, has less than one hundred members. And it is visibly given immense publicity by some media for the very purpose of using it, by utterly false association, to discredit The John Birch Society.

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### IV. What Have We Accomplished?

We have established a nationwide educational army. It has a fully paid field staff. This army is fighting with facts as its only weapons. And the whole army knows that to be better informed is to be better armed.

For help towards informing ourselves first, and then others, we established a publishing division. It is now turning out books and pamphlets with a retail value of about four million

of the American people to recognize the high degree of Communist planning, influence, control, and purposes involved in the "civil rights" movement. Our increasing ability to get able, informed, and patriotic Negroes to join us in this effort, especially through continuous and widespread speaking engagements, has been an important part of this service to our country.

We have helped mightily to offset the emotional and extravagant tendencies of the prejudiced and the poorly informed to blame Communism on any one group or race or organization. The historical facts clearly reveal that the international Communist conspiracy reaches through every conceivable body it can utilize in any way to promote its ends. And we have insisted from the beginning that we are fighting the Communists — and nobody else.

The Factfinding Subcommittee of the California Senate ended the twenty-five thousand word report of its two-year investigation with these paragraphs:

"We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread.

"Our investigation and study was requested by the society, which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

What we have accomplished, above all else, is to keep The John Birch Society alive and growing, as a rallying point for the increasing number of informed and patriotic anti-Communists. Our members have achieved this result, through staggering labor and sacrifice, despite unceasing harassments, and distortions of their actions, and pressures amounting in many instances to serious persecution. And we intend to keep on growing. For we believe the incredibly vicious and massive attacks on the Society have been due, in any final analysis, not to our mistakes and our failures, but to our successes and our progress.

### V. Which Do You Choose?

We cannot give you here the full basis for that choice. But let's put down a few points by point comparisons of the Society with its Communist enemies.

(1) The Communists seek unlimited power

the physical entity thus assembled. The John Birch Society believes that a Divine Creator has endowed man with a purpose and an "upward reach" which are far superior to, and frequently prompt a willing sacrifice of, the desires and needs of the individual himself.

(8) The Communists — Lenin, Lunacharsky, and many other leaders — openly preach that "men must learn to hate," and that only through spreading sufficient hatred can the Communists succeed in ruling the world. The John Birch Society hates nobody, not even the Communists, but only the evil which they do. The Society believes that love for one's neighbor and good will towards all men should be a fundamental motivation in all human relationships.

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The Communists also pretend to believe — and some of them undoubtedly do believe — that Communism is "the wave of the future." We believe, instead, that the whole world is now tired of so much strife and bestiality, treason and immorality, cruelty and confusion, blasphemy and destructiveness, bitterness and fear, doubt and despair that always go hand in hand with Communism. We believe that mankind may be about ready to arise, shake off this Communist tyranny and terror, and move forward again towards a more enlightened and humane existence. We are doing everything in our power, by all honorable means, to create the understanding that will produce this result.

If you have what it takes, in character and courage, then by all means join us now in our epic undertaking. With the added effort of people like yourself, and with God's help — when and because we have deserved it — we shall break up this immense criminal conspiracy, and return a world gone crazy to sanity once again.

### IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE

Introductory Packet	\$ 1.00
Special Packet	5.00
(A thorough introduction to the Society.)	
ONE DOZEN CANDLES	8.00
(Twelve famous books, in paperback editions, which give you a thorough introduction to the workings of the Communist conspiracy.)	
ONE DOZEN TRUMPETS	50.00
(Twelve albums, of two full length records each, to be played in numbered sequence, which give you a comprehensive survey of all the subject matter of this advertisement.)	
All prices postpaid. For the above materials, or simply to have somebody from the Society get in touch with you, write to the address given below.	

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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# What Is The John Birch Society?

The Truth May Surprise You!

This week we are celebrating our seventh anniversary. We are glad to take the occasion therefore, to give as much of an answer to the above question as space will permit, for those who really want to know. So—

## I. Let's Start At The Beginning

The John Birch Society was founded in Indianapolis, on December 9, 1958. It was chartered under the General Laws of Massachusetts as a non-profit educational organization. We have lived up meticulously to those specifications (including not making any profit) for seven years.

During these seven years we have sought to bring into The John Birch Society only men and women of good character, humane consciences, and religious ideals. For we are striving to set an example, by dedication, integrity, and purpose—in word and deed—which our children's children may follow without hesitation.

Members of the Society are of all races, colors, and creeds. We are of all social, economic, and educational levels. We are individualists who disagree among ourselves about many things. But we are firmly united in devotion to those beliefs, principles, and purposes which we do hold in common. For we have voluntarily joined together:

- (1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our freedom, our lives, our country, and our civilization;
- (2) To prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain of higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before;
- (3) To restore, with brighter lustre and keener conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the ennobling inspirations, on which our western civilization has been built. The longrange objective of the society has been summarized as *less government, more responsibility, and a better world.*

## II. So We Collide With Communism

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## III. And Stir Up The Politicians

The John Birch Society is in no sense a political organization. We try to give our members information, understanding, and — we hope — even inspiration, which will make them better citizens. As good citizens they may take an active part in politics. But each member does so entirely on his own, working in the path of his choice, for the candidate of his choice, exactly as do members of the American Legion or of the Knights of Columbus or of the Rotary Club or a Baptist Church.

For we regard education as the means, and political action as only the mechanics, for bringing about improvements in government. The mechanics will automatically be used when sufficient education has prepared the way. We mean it quite literally, therefore, when we say that education is our total strategy, and truth is our only weapon. Or, as made clear throughout the Blue Book and emphasized on its last page, our gigantic task is simply to create understanding.

Members of The John Birch Society, however, are extremely hard working, highly respected in their local communities, and always earnestly determined on behalf of any cause or candidate that they support. When circumstances bring any appreciable number together behind any particular candidate, their weight is out of all proportion to their numbers. And that weight is usually felt, of course, on the side of the Conservatives — of either party. So the Liberals of both parties naturally raise all the clatter they can against Birchers in politics. As the stranglehold of the Liberals on both parties now steadily increases, even "Conservative politicians" feel unceasing pressures to "improve their images" by joining the chorus of attack on "The John Birch Society. Very few of them indeed have ever realized the extent to which they were running interference for the Communists.

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dollars per year. We also serve as very sizable distributors of the Conservative books and tracts of approximately one hundred other publishers. And our members now operate some 350 "reading rooms that sell books," scattered throughout the country — most of them under the name of American Opinion Libraries.

We have certainly helped to re-awaken, restore, and strengthen, in tens of thousands of Americans, the three great basic human loyalties: Loyalty to God, loyalty to country, and loyalty to family. The Communists know that they simply must destroy all three of these foundations of our civilization. For they can never rule "peacefully" — that is, without constant resistance — in any place or at any time where there is loyalty to anything except to the Communist state.

We were the first organization in the United States to start calling widespread attention to the world-wide Communist plot to discredit, demoralize, and destroy local police forces. Our members have distributed in leaflet form literally millions of our messages explaining what the Communists were doing in this area, and why. As a result, our *Support Your Local Police* drive has now won tremendous backing from patriotic citizens everywhere.

We are engaged in an entirely proper and constitutional movement to bring about the impeachment of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. As only one result of our educational efforts in support of that movement, we have awakened hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens to the vital differences between a republic and a democracy. Many of them have come to realize the lengths to which our Founding Fathers went in order to give us a republic (not a democracy) — if we could keep it! And a growing number now understand how important it is to the Communists to convert this republic into a democracy as rapidly as they can.

Through the distribution by our members of huge quantities of books and pamphlets, we have brought a sizable and increasing fraction of the American people to recognize the high degree of Communist planning, influence, control, and purposes involved in the "civil rights" movement. Our increasing ability to get able, informed, and patriotic Negroes to join us in this effort, especially through continuous and widespread speaking engagements, has been an important part of this service to our country.

We have helped mightily to offset the emotional and extravagant tendencies of the prejudiced and the poorly informed to blame Communism on any one group or race or organization. The historical facts clearly reveal that the international Communist conspiracy reaches through every conceivable body it can utilize in any way to promote its ends. And we have insisted from the beginning that we are fighting the Communists — and nobody else.

The Factfinding Subcommittee of the California Senate ended the twenty-five thousand word report of its two-year investigation with these paragraphs:

"We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread.

"Our investigation and study was requested by the society, which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

What we have accomplished, above all else, is to keep The John Birch Society alive and growing, as a rallying point for the increasing number of informed and patriotic anti-Communists. Our members have achieved this result, through staggering labor and sacrifice, despite unceasing harassments, and distortions of their actions, and pressures amounting in many instances to serious persecution. And we intend to keep on growing. For we believe the incredibly vicious and massive attacks on the Society have been due, in any final analysis, not to our mistakes and our failures, but to our successes and our honesty.

for themselves, over the whole human race. The John Birch Society does not want any power at all over anybody, either now or in the future. Agreeing with Lord Acton that "power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely," the Society seeks to make progress towards its goals only by education and persuasion.

(2) The Communists believe that any means may be used to attain their ends. The Society believes that improper means are never justified by even the noblest of aims, and that means are as important as ends in any worthwhile civilization.

(3) The Communists always accuse their enemies — such as The John Birch Society — of exactly those crimes which the Communists themselves are committing. We do not bear false witness against anybody, about anything.

(4) The Communists believe that words should be used to conceal thoughts, and that promises are made to be broken. The John Birch Society believes that simple truth is the very core of morality; and that when we can persuade enough people to make truth the prerequisite to all statements and the accepted guide to all action, at least half of the world's problems will rapidly disappear.

(5) The Communists operate in secrecy and darkness. We follow the preponderant custom, among all American voluntary associations, of not publishing the list of our members. With that exception, The John Birch Society has absolutely no secrets of any kind.

(6) The Communists seek to break down all morality, all tradition, and to destroy the whole spiritual and esthetic sense of values which we have inherited. The Society believes that a reverent continuity in human affairs is of extreme importance; and that even the most desirable change should be made cautiously, in order to be sure that it constitutes improvement.

(7) The Communists believe that man is just a material combination of atoms, with no other purpose than satisfaction of the desires of the physical entity thus assembled. The John Birch Society believes that a Divine Creator has endowed man with a purpose and an "upward reach" which are far superior to, and frequently prompt a willing sacrifice of, the desires and needs of the individual himself.

(8) The Communists — Lenin, Lunacharsky, and many other leaders — openly preach that "men must learn to hate," and that only through spreading sufficient hatred can the Communists succeed in ruling the world. The John Birch Society hates nobody, not even the Communists, but only the evil which they do. The Society believes that love for one's neighbor and good will towards all men should be a fundamental motivation in all human relationships.

The Communists also pretend to believe — and some of them undoubtedly do believe — that Communism is "the wave of the future." We believe, instead, that the whole world is now tired of so much strife and bestiality, treason and immorality, cruelty and confusion, blasphemy and destructiveness, bitterness and fear, doubt and despair that always go hand in hand with Communism. We believe that mankind may be about ready to arise, shake off this Communist tyranny and terror, and move forward again towards a more enlightened and humane existence. We are doing everything in our power, by all honorable means, to create the understanding that will produce this result.

If you have what it takes, in character and courage, then by all means join us now in our epic undertaking. With the added effort of people like yourself, and with God's help — when and because we have deserved it — we shall break up this immense criminal conspiracy, and return a world gone crazy to sanity once again.

## IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE

Introductory Packet	\$ 1.00
Special Packet (A thorough introduction to the Society.)	5.00
ONE DOZEN CANDLES (Twelve famous books, in paperback editions, which give you a thorough introduction to the Society.)	8.00

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS

On 11/9/65, [REDACTED] residing [REDACTED] advised that he is [REDACTED] for the past year or so there had been some disagreement and dissension in the leadership of the Boy Scout movement in Rowan County. [REDACTED] stated that on 11/8/65, (FNU) [REDACTED] a reporter of the "Winston-Salem Sentinel," a daily newspaper, came to Salisbury and told [REDACTED] that he had received information that the Ku Klux Klan and the John Birch Society had infiltrated the Boy Scout movement in Rowan County. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] did not give the source of his information, but wanted to follow up the story. [REDACTED] stated that he had no information that would indicate that the Ku Klux Klan or the John Birch Society had instigated their dissension. He stated that the only information that he had been able to develop that there was an individual connected with the Scout movement in the Klan was that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] wanted to know if the FBI had any information to indicate that the Klan or the John Birch Society had infiltrated the Boy Scout movement. I advised [REDACTED] that the files of the FBI were confidential. Further, that the FBI was conducting no investigation of the John Birch Society.

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] was recently made Exalted Cyclops of the Salisbury, N. C., Klavern. It

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is further noted that there appears no basis for this allegation and there is no indication that the Klan has ever attempted to infiltrate the Boy Scouts and that this information apparently was planned by some agitator. It is further noted that during recent months there has been much agitation with regard to the race and Klan issue in the Salisbury area and much unrest stirred up by someone making reckless allegations. The above is being maintained for information purposes.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-9548)

FROM : SA JAMES M. UNDERHILL

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 12/7/65

On 12/7/65, Charlotte telephone number 536-0316 was telephoned and a recorded voice of a woman, talking fast, gave the following message. This message was taken stenographically over the telephone by Steno

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"Let Freedom Ring

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"Before we go forward with what seems to be an optimistic view of our nation's future for conservative minded people, let us take a look backward into the darkness on a most disturbing subject, the National Council of Churches. This has turned into an international political organization headed up by a group of liberals posing as authorities of religion. Under the United Nations One World Plan, they are attempting to tear apart each Christian denomination's doctrine because of the fact they are aware that they cannot

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"Among the endorsements of the National Council of Churches are that we pull out of South Vietnam, civil disobedience, that we read the writings of LANGSTON HUGHES, a noted Negro communist, and an international police force.

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"It is entirely impossible for Christians to understand why an international police force is needed if the one world plans are so perfect. Stand up for more old-time religion in your church. Speak up for what you think is good in the eyes of your Redeemer.

"For more information send thirty cents in coin to American Opinion Library, 1208 East 36th Street, Charlotte, N. C., for your booklet, 'The National Council of Churches, A Menace to Church and State'.

"Let Freedom Ring, 2801 Hilliard Drive."

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"Let Freedom Ring, 2801 Hilliard Drive."

December 9, 1965

[redacted]  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 6th has been received.  
I certainly appreciate your bringing the information furnished  
to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dec. 6. 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In recent months the John Birch Society has launched substantial propaganda operations in Charlotte, and North Carolina generally.

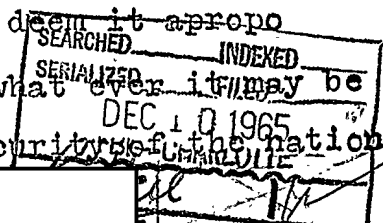
Having observed these operations and reviewed some of their more pertinent propaganda, especially the manifesto of the organization - The Blue Book - by Robert Welch, founder of the Birch Society movement, it seems evident to me that this organization is another neoteric or hybrid revival of Hitlerism.

Local leadership of the movement seize upon every opportunity to malign and character assault administrative officials of the government as well as the traditions and institutions of our system, and ultimately translate any and everything possible into a pattern of Communist conspiracy or Communist sabotage.

Considering this movement to be not in the best interest of the American people, the confidence of which these protagonists of the John Birch Society attempt to break down, and likewise considering that under a given circumstances these individuals, at least in their more fanatical elements, could prove dangerous to the security and welfare of some of our administrative officials, I have taken the liberty of briefly calling the matter to the attention of the local F.B.I. office, and at which time I discussed the matter with Mr. Hill.

Now I do not wish to seem unduly alarmed by the situation. But as a citizen, and veteran of the Second World War, I deem it appropriate that this matter be brought to your attention for what ever it may be worth, in its over-all aspects to the safety and security of the nation.

Yours Very Truly



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-9548)

DATE: 12/14/65

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

In connection with the investigation of "CHARBOM"  
on 12/11/65, SA [REDACTED] in his conversation with

[REDACTED] suggested that because [REDACTED] had  
been the target of telephone calls and perhaps other abuse, that  
others who also freely expressed their political  
views might have also been the targets of such efforts.  
It was therefore requested that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is being recontacted for the purpose  
of [REDACTED]

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-9548) (P)

DATE: 12/17/65

FROM : IC RALPH D. HILL

SUBJECT:

JOHN BURCH SOCIETY  
INTERNAL SECURITY

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On 12/6/65, [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone [redacted] appeared at the  
Charlotte Office and advised [redacted]  
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[redacted] stated [redacted] of the John Burch  
Society, and in the past [redacted] and other members of the  
John Burch Society in Charlotte have attempted to persuade  
him to join the group in view of [redacted]  
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[redacted] stated after several conversations with  
[redacted] and other members of the John Burch Society, he is  
of the opinion this group is as bad in their concept of  
Government as communism is.

[redacted] stated he bases his opinion on the fact  
that the John Burch Society bases their doctrine on the same  
lines as Hitler in that they attempt to belittle the present  
Governmental institution of the U. S. by attempting to  
indicate that the officials of the U. S. Government are  
sympathetic toward communism, and upon this method he believes  
they will attempt to alarm the American people and cause  
dissatisfaction in any type of legislation or executive order  
which does not conform to their own political setup.

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[ ] stated he was furnishing this information to the FBI, as he felt the FBI should be aware of the fact that an organization such as the John Burch Society is active in Charlotte, N. C., and due to their radical political views, he feels possibly the John Burch Society would be a menace to the security of the U. S. Government.

SAC, (157-1260)

12-27-65

IC [REDACTED]

**HAMILTON ALEXANDER LINDER**  
~~JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY~~  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference record request of SA [REDACTED] dated 12-20-65.

On 12-20-65, records clerk, [REDACTED] Charlotte, N.C., PD, advised hse could locate no record her files identifiable with HAMILTON A. LINDER.

On 12-20-65, SGT. [REDACTED] Mecklenburg Co. PD, Charlotte, N.C., advised his records reflect one HAMILTON ALEXANDER LINDER, white, male, born 9-22-06, Mecklenburg Co., N.C., grey hair, grey eyes, 69½", 120 lbs., fair complexion, residing 1623 Merriman Ave., and 3047 Cottageway, both Charlotte, N. C., received traffic ticket on 7-28-58 for Improper Registration, being fined cost of court and was arrested 11-16-65 for Assault with Deadly Weapon, being sentenced to 30 days, suspended two years, fined cost and not violate any law for for two years, which he appealed.

[REDACTED] Clerk's Office, Mecklenburg Co. Superior Court, Charlotte, N. C., on 12-20-65, advised LINDER'S case would probably be heard during the January 1966 term of Superior Court.

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Maintain contact with Clerk's Office, Mecklenburg Co. Superior Court until LINDER'S case heard and obtain disposition.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:  Dictated <u>12/22/65</u> Date to <u>Ediphone</u>  Transcribed <u>1/4/66</u>  Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report <b>12/22/65</b>  Date(s) of activity  <b>12/21/65</b>
Brief description of activity or material  <u>Weekly meeting, Durham Klavern, UKA, in</u> <u>which election postponed to 12/28/65</u>		File where original is located if not attached <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>

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On December 21, 1965, the Durham Klavern of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, met at the Lucky Diamond Club. Over 100 Klansmen were present. No new members were inducted but approximately 20 applications for membership were processed.

The Exalted Cyclops, [ ] announced the Klavern election was being postponed until December 28, 1965. He then spoke of the intention of holding an all-out membership drive immediately after the start of 1966. He added the Klan needed desirable members and every Klansman should endeavor to bring in two or three new members.

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[ ] then spoke against racial violence and bombings. He said the Klan would continue as it had in the past to support and uphold the law. Anyone known to have engaged in any bombing by the Klan would immediately be turned over to law enforcement agencies.

[ ] further indicated he understood there was some possible dissention in the Klavern. He indicated he would not tolerate trouble in the Klavern, and anyone considered as a troublemaker would be tried and, if found guilty, banished from the Klavern.

There was then a discussion of the Klan blood bank.

[redacted] was to supervise this program. The blood bank was to be in existence at Watts Hospital in Durham, North Carolina; Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Rex Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina. It would go under some cover name, possibly the Citizens Group.

[redacted] indicated he did not intend to leave the Durham Klavern [redacted]

[redacted] the women's meetings on Monday nights, [redacted] is the Exalted Cyclops of this group.

[redacted] offered to stay on Monday nights if he would be permitted to enter the meeting house. He indicated it is too cold to wait outside during the meetings. This was believed to be acceptable.

A vote was taken and it was decided that there would not be a joint meeting with the women's group because the women talked too much.

Information indicated [redacted] was active in the women's group as was [redacted]

It was believed that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] intended to transfer to another Klavern although he was present at the meeting and did not so state.

Prior to the meeting of the Durham Klavern, a representative indicating he represented the John Birch Society driving an out-of-state station wagon, possibly from Maine, talked to some of the Klansmen as they arrived at the meeting place. This representative was recruiting for the John Birch Society. He left before the meeting started and did not make any attempt to enter the meeting hall.

During the meeting, it was announced that the Klavern desired to help people at Christmas. Interested Klansmen were to meet at Wellons Village about 7 p.m. on December 23, 1965, to distribute baskets on behalf of the Klavern to the needy.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-9548)

DATE: 1-14-65

FROM : RALPH D. HILL (COMPLAINT CLERK)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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On 1-13-65, [redacted] appeared at the Charlotte Office and advised that [redacted] has indicated that she, [redacted] and several of her friends are members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is trying to say that the extremists are attempting to take over the [redacted]. [redacted] indicated that she is [redacted] and has made comment about some of the programs shown on the Educational TV Station.

[redacted] stated that she wanted the FBI to know that she was a former member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, but she is no longer active and does not intend to be.

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## Welch Coming To UNC Forum

John Birch Society founder Robert Welch will speak to UNC students here on either March 11 or 13, according to Carolina Forum Chairman George Nicholson III.

Welch will be the third nationally prominent figure to speak on campus under the sponsorship of the Forum this year.

Other Forum speakers were U. S. House of Representatives majority Whip Hale Boggs (D-La.) and U. S. Representative Charles Weltner (D-Ga.).

The 66 - year - old retired fudge maker and professional anti - communist graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UNC in 1916.

Welch was a member of the Dialectic Senate as a student here.

He spent a year at the Naval Academy and two years at Harvard Law School before going into business. He led his class at both institutions before dropping out.

A former board member of the National Association of Manufacturers, Welch founded the Birch Society in 1959.

The society is named for army Captain John Morrison Birch, an officer in the war-time Office of Strategic Services who was killed by Red Chinese guerrillas in 1945.

Birch Society members claim he was the first American to be killed by the communists.

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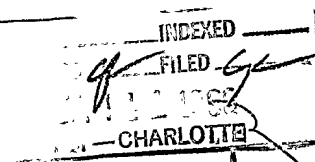
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**Others' Views****JOHN BIRCH PROGRAM**

To the Editor:

Allow us space in your valuable paper to announce to the members of our organization (N.A.A.C.P.) that the John Birch Society has announced that it will produce a weekly 15-minute radio program, called the Birch Report. Their January Bulletin states that this new radio series, "can definitely and materially help our total educational effort."

"We know what the John Birch "educational effort" is, and we know that they have every right to present their ideas to the public by any legitimate means available to them. But we also have our rights and an obligation as well to make our views known to our people.

The John Birch Society is asking businessmen, including its members who own businesses, to purchase radio time and to sponsor the program on a commercial basis. They are planning to get under way by mid-February on about thirty stations.

Our national office is asking every N.A.A.C.P. branch in the United States to watch for the appearance of the Birch Report on local radio stations. Listen carefully for:

(1) What is said on the broadcast.

(2) Who sponsors the broadcast. Branch members and their friends will be interested in knowing what local or national business firms are aiding the John Birch Society by helping to pay for these broadcasts. Write us or tell us all the information you get.

L. B. RUSSELL.

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Charlotte, N. C.

# Welch, Birch Head, To Speak At UNC

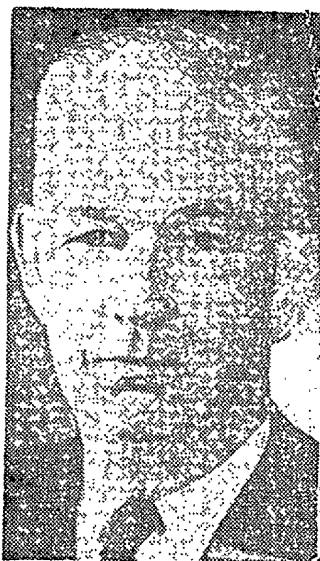
CHAPEL HILL — The founder of the John Birch Society will speak at the University of North Carolina at 8 p.m. Sunday in Memorial Hall.

Robert Welch, a native North Carolinian and UNC alumnus, will speak on "What is the John Birch Society?" His appearance will be sponsored by the Carolina Forum, a student government group which invites speakers that represent varying viewpoints.

This will be one of his few speeches for the general public.

Welch, who enrolled at UNC at the age of 12, was born on a farm in Hertford County. After also attending the U.S. Naval Academy and Harvard Law School, he started his career in the business world in Boston in 1919.

In 1958 he and several other men organized the John Birch Society, an anti-Communist group which terms its purpose as "to work by all honorable means to bring about 'less government, more responsibility and a better world.'"



**Robert Welch**  
... UNC Alumnus

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ROBERT WELCH

## Birch Head Again Hits At Warren

CHAPEL HILL (AP) — Birth Society founder Robert Welch reiterated last night his desire to impeach U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren and the charge that Communist influence is rising in Washington.

Welch spoke to an audience of 1,500 under the sponsorship of the Carolina Forum at the University of North Carolina.

The audience included those who both approved and opposed his views. Boos and applause were mixed as he discussed his opposition to Warren.

Asked why he wished to impeach Warren, Birch said that is the only constitutional way to get rid of him. He said the Supreme Court has cut "big, ragged holes in the Constitution of the United States."

Welch asserted the Communists were trying to exert great influence in the civil rights movement. He referred to what he said was a published plan by Communists to set up in the South a new nation governed by Negroes.

Welch was asked his opinion of former UNC President Frank Graham. He said, "Frank Graham is a man I've known for 60 years. I disagree with him on many things, but I think he is one of the finest men I've ever known."

Welch told the students he opposes democracy and that the founding fathers had intended to set up a republic and not a democracy.

Welch said the John Birch Society has expenses totaling \$100,000 a week, including a payroll of \$40,000 for 250 paid staff members. This enables the society to publish periodicals, books, pamphlets and to run a speakers bureau.

The society, he said, welcomes to its membership persons of all religions, races and creeds, and there are in the society Catholics, Negroes, Jews and other denominations and races.

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ROBERT WELCH

### Welch Won't Speak

RALEIGH — The head of the John Birch Society has declined to speak at North Carolina State this spring. Robert Welch wrote the campus YDC club that his schedule was too crowded to appear this spring, but he would appear later. Three other speakers invited have not replied. They are Gus Hall, chairman of the American Communist Party; Professor Staughton Lynd of Yale and grand dragon Robert Jones of the North Carolina Ku Klux Klan.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I am a member of the John Birch Society in Rocky Mount N.C. I won't waste your time telling you about the society. The reason I am writing is that I would like to be able to subscribe to the communist publication "The Worker" which is published in New York. I believe that reading one of their publications will make me a better informed anti-communist. I am not familiar with the duties or functions of the Post Office when such literature is detected in the mails and I wish to avoid any visits by the Postal Inspectors or the FBI if at all possible.

If ever I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Rocky Mount N.C.

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August 5, 1966

[redacted]  
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27801

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter on August 3rd and  
I can assure you it will be made a matter of record in  
our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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# Treason Riddles Capital, Birch Official Warns

Treason is the story in Washington today, Reed Benson, Washington representative for the John Birch Society, said Thursday night.

Speaking to about 100 persons at Myers Park High School, Benson charged that high government officials were "giving aid and comfort to the enemy" and that communism was making steady progress throughout the world.

Evidence of this treason by U.S. officials, he said, was the dismissal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War, the refusal by the Eisenhower administration to back the Hungarian freedom fighters, the initial acceptance of Fidel Castro's regime in Cuba and the failure to aid the Cuban invasion forces with air cover during the Bay of Pigs attempt.

Benson, the son of former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, said that FBI agents had told the John Birch Society that facts they submitted on Communists to Washington "disappeared."

Furthermore, he said, the alleged Communists in government were promoted, as in the case of Alger Hiss.

He claimed that the government suppressed the fact that a Canadian member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was employed in the Canadian power station where the massive 1965 black-out started.

More direct examples of treason, Benson charged, are the cultural exchanges, the sharing of space secrets and foreign aid between the United States and the Soviet Union.

"Would we have traded wheat and steel mills with Hitler?" he said. "Then why do we trade with mass murderers far more dangerous? When are we going to wake up?"



Benson

"Treason is prospering, but none dare call it treason," he paraphrased a well-known

quote.

To prevent the takeover of the unorganized American people by what he termed the "strategic few," he urged his listeners to investigate the aims and purposes of the Birch Society.

He outlined the aims as educational through publishing of relevant books, campaigns of letter writing to congressmen, pressure against stores carrying products of Iron Curtain countries and support of the local police.

"The Communists want to break down law and order so that Washington can come in," Benson said.

"They disobey the laws, calling it civil disobedience and make charges of police brutality. Then they say the local police can't handle a situation and only Washington can."

Centralization of power in one capital makes Communist takeover easier, he explained. And Washington is doing just that, he said.

"We are not a political group," he said.

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7 CHARLOTTE OBSERVER  
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SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS)  
INFO CONCERNING (IS)

Enclosed for the Bureau and WFO is one copy each of a news article from the 8/26/66 issue of the "Charlotte Observer", Charlotte, N. C., captioned "Treason Riddles Capital, Birch Official Warns".

This article concerns a speech made by REED BENSON, Washington, D. C., representative for JBS, in Charlotte, N. C., on 8/25/66.

- 2 - Bureau (Encl-1) (RM)
- 1 - WFO (Encl-1) (RM)
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September 6, 1966

The Editor  
Charlotte Observer Newspaper  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

To the credit of the local news media, most of my speeches across the country are reported quite accurately in the press. Unfortunately, your newspaper is an exception.

My speech in Charlotte on the evening of August 25, 1966, was tape recorded. It is therefore not difficult to determine that your news account of that speech, and your editorial of August 28th captioned, "Reed Benson's Frightened Views", contain a total of at least sixteen falsehoods or misrepresentations.

For example, your news account quoted me as saying "that FBI agents had told the John Birch Society that facts they submitted on Communists to Washington 'disappeared.'" Your reporting is in error. What I said was that the FBI is a fact-finding body which turns its security information over to the responsible government agencies for action. I then reported how some conspirators have remained in influential positions in government despite the FBI reports. As an illustration, I mentioned the case of Harry Dexter White, a spy for the Soviets, who served as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury despite FBI reports to the White House regarding his subversive activities.

The Constitution defines treason as giving aid and comfort to the enemy. Inasmuch as the Communists are our enemy, I asked my audience what they call it when our government sends foreign aid to the enemy; ships wheat to the enemy; helps the enemy build steel mills; etc.

Someone has said that while individuals may disagree in their opinions, they do not have the right to be wrong in their facts. We will be happy to supply you a taped recording of my speech if you would like to give your readers a more factual account of what I said.

Most sincerely,

Reed A. Benson  
Reed A. Benson  
Washington D. C. Representative

Copies: Hon. J. Edgar Hoover; Charlotte Office, F. B. I.

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS)  
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Re Charlotte letter to Bureau, 9/1/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau and WFO is one copy each of a letter dated 9/6/66, from REED A. BENSON, Washington, D. C., representative of JBS, to the editor, "Charlotte Observer" Newspaper, Charlotte, N. C.

- 2 - Bureau (Encl-1) (RM)
- 1 - WFO (Encl-1) (RM)
- ① - Charlotte (100-9548)

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9/23/66

J. H. WOODHILL

STATESVILLE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ORA 1964; PUBLIC EDUCATION

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On 9/18/66 [REDACTED] ((PROTECT IDENTITY IN  
ANY DISCUSSION)) [REDACTED]  
telephonically furnished the following information:

The public meeting of interested persons concerning schools in the North Mecklenburg County area was held on the afternoon of Sunday, 9/18/66, in the small auditorium of Ranson Junior High. About 75 persons were present - a smaller group than at the meeting a week earlier. Many of them were persons who had not been at the earlier meeting, and many of these new persons are known generally to him; he believes them to be legitimately interested in the welfare of their children in school. The meeting was operated in a businesslike manner, and [REDACTED] seemed in control. No suggestion of anything but legitimate protests was voiced. Most of the complaints given were about school bus service; primarily that service was not adequate or children had to walk too far.

The meeting lasted only about one hour. Another meeting is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, 9/25/66, at the same place. Nothing was said about any demonstrations to be held. Among those present at the meeting were: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and an elderly man named LITNER (possibly H. S. LITNER) who did a good bit of talking and seemed to have a good general knowledge about schools. [REDACTED] was not there.

On 9/19/66 Chief G. J. STEPHENS, Mecklenburg County Police, advised that on the morning of 9/19/66 the following six persons called on the Principal of Ranson Junior High: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (his connection with that area is not known). They talked with the principal about alleged incidents, chiefly between the races, on the school buses and in the halls of the school. There was no disturbance.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
September 21, 1966

CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF MEMBERS OF  
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, AND PARENTS OF  
STUDENTS AT STATESVILLE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA,  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1966  
PUBLIC EDUCATION,  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

Reference is made to Charlotte memorandum dated  
September 13, 1966.

On September 18, 1966, CE T-1 advised as follows:

The public meeting of interested persons concerning  
schools in the North Mecklenburg County area was held on the  
afternoon of Sunday, September 18, 1966, at the Ranson Junior  
High School, Charlotte, with about 75 persons present. This  
was a smaller group than at the previous week's meeting, and  
many of those present were not at the earlier meeting.

[redacted] seemed in control, and there was  
no suggestion of anything but legitimate protests voiced.  
Most of the complaints given were about school bus service;  
primarily the service was not adequate or children had to  
walk too far.

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The meeting lasted approximately one hour, with  
another meeting being scheduled for Sunday afternoon, September  
25, 1966, at the same location, with nothing said about any  
demonstrations being held.

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1 - USA, SDNC  
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1 - OSI  
1 - SS  
2 - ICC  
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RE: CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF  
MEMBERS OF UKA, INC., AND  
PARENTS OF STUDENTS AT  
STATESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Among those present at the meeting were [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
who has previously advised T-1 that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and an  
elderly man named LINDER, who did a good bit of talking with a  
good general knowledge of schools.

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On September 19, 1966, Chief G. A. STEPHENS, Mecklen-  
burg County Police Department, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised  
that on the morning of September 19, 1966, the following persons  
called on the principal of Ranson Junior High School, at which  
time they discussed alleged incidents, chiefly between the races,  
on the school bus and in the halls of the school.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Chief STEPHENS further stated that [REDACTED]  
connection with the North Mecklenburg area is unknown as the  
address [REDACTED] is not in the area of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

According to Chief STEPHENS, there were no disturbances  
during the visit of the above listed individuals at the Ranson  
Junior High School on September 19, 1966.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
September 21, 1966

Title            CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF MEMBERS  
                 OF UKA, INC., KKKK, AND PARENTS OF  
                 STUDENTS AT STATESVILLE ELEMENTARY  
                 SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA,  
                 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1966

Character      PUBLIC EDUCATION;  
Reference      CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964  
                 Memorandum dated September 21, 1966,  
                 at Charlotte, North Carolina,  
                 captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CE T-1 has not furnished sufficient information by which his reliability may be judged, but he is in a position to furnish accurate information.

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Date: 9/21/66

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (173-345)

CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF MEMBERS  
OF UKA, INC., KKKK AND PARENTS OF  
STUDENTS AT STATESVILLE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, N. C., TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 6, 1966  
PUBLIC EDUCATION, CRA 1964

Re Charlotte airtel to Director, 9/13/66,  
enclosing LHM, and Charlotte teletype to Bureau, 9/19/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM  
in the above captioned matter.

Copies being disseminated locally to military  
intelligence, Secret Service, and USA, Asheville, N. C.

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Special Agent in Charge



CE 173-345

Contacts with Mecklenburg PD and T-1 were by SA  
JAMES M. UNDERHILL.

CE T-1 is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] whose identity was  
protected at his request.

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Charlotte will continue to follow this matter through  
local authorities and sources, keeping the Bureau advised on a  
continuing basis, as well as appropriate local, State, and  
Federal authorities of any pertinent developments.

Charlotte will sutel results of scheduled meeting of  
9/25/66, followed by LHM.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-9548)

DATE: 9/28/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

JOHN BURCH SOCIETY  
INTERNAL SECURITY

Detective [REDACTED] Charlotte, NCPD advised as follows  
on 9/27/66:

Captioned subject who is better known as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Tel=333-3319.

[REDACTED] in recent past contacted the office of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and wanted answers to the following questions before he paid  
his taxes(9/22/66):

1. Who paid for Dr. Kings police protection last night?
2. Were the officers off duty?
3. Why are the City Police used to protect the communist?

[REDACTED] furnished his name when he made the phone call to the  
mayors office and was very outspoken.

[REDACTED] is described as a white male, born [REDACTED]  
165-70, Lt brown hair tinged with grey, grey eyes, ruddy complexion.

He is the brother of [REDACTED]

FBI-CHARLOTTE

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed <b>9/20/66</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 20px;"></div> Authenticated by Informant <b>Does not sign reports.</b>		Date of Report <b>9/12/66</b> Date(s) of activity <b>9/6 and 9/11/66</b>
Brief description of activity or material <b>Meetings re Statesville Road School</b>		File where original is located if not attached <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 180px; height: 25px;"></div>

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September 12, 1966

On September 6, 1966, at approximately 8:00 A. M. the parents in the Statesville Road area protested at the Statesville Road Elementary School. RAY THOMAS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] led the march at the Statesville Elementary School and also was more or less the spokesman for the group. ANDY LAUGHTER [REDACTED] was also very active in the march. They stayed at the school only a very short time.

Captain [REDACTED] of the Mecklenburg County Police Department, asked if they would, for the safety of the children, go to the Volunteer Fire Department Building nearby and have their meeting there and he would have the school principal come over there and speak to them and listen to their gripes which they did.

After talking to the Principal and discussing their gripes, they went home and set another meeting for Sunday, September 11, 1966 at the Fox Drive-in Theater at the concession stand. Permission to hold this meeting there was given by the owner of the Fox Drive-in Theater. This meeting was fairly well attended for the type meeting it was without any sponsorship of any organization. There were approximately 40 to 60 people in attendance. There were probably 20 to 25 people there who were Klanspeople.

The Master of Ceremonies of the meeting was Mrs. LEE KLUTZ, [REDACTED] AS first speaker, she called up RAY THOMAS, [REDACTED] Also called as the next speaker was ANDY LAUGHTER, [REDACTED] The third speaker was GEORGE A. (HACK) WILSON, [REDACTED]

The next speaker who came up was DANNY BOGGS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The next speaker was a Mr. WALDROP, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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After the speakers who generally spoke about some of the local situations they were dissatisfied with, with the exception of HACK WILSON, who spoke about the John Birch Society, and the work they were doing, Mr. WALDROP was then elected as Chairman and spokesman for the group and GEORGE (HACK) WILSON was elected Vice Chairman. There were donations taken up and around \$30 to \$40 collected. A figure was not given as to the amount collected. They scheduled a protest march for Monday morning, September 12, 1966, between 7:30 and 8:00 where they would meet at the Fox Drive-in Theater, same location as the Sunday meeting. They were to go from there to whichever school they picked out for the protest. They would not give the name of the school at the Sunday meeting because of the fact they did not want the officials to be prewarned so that they would have someone there.

Mr. WALDROP also made a short speech on using local public buildings such as the school auditoriums rather than having to meet out in the hot sun or location that was not comfortable. He said the next meeting would be Sunday afternoon, September 18, 1966, at 2:00 P. M., at the Ransom Junior High School. He said that unless something happened and they could not get the auditorium, they would meet there. He said that as tax payers, he did not see any reason why they could not use the school, so they would go to the school officials and ask for permission to use the school building on the next Sunday, September 18, 1966, at 2:00 P. M.

DANNY BOGGS seemed to take a very active part in this meeting [REDACTED]

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This Mr. WALDROP who is not a member of the Klan and is not a member of the John Birch Society or any other organization so far as could be determined was elected as Chairman and HACK WILSON as Vice Chairman, which is believed to be all right. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RAY THOMAS was elected the committeeman from his area and ROBERT SISK from Mt. Holly who was attending [REDACTED] was elected committeeman from his area. Another Mr. WALDROP, the son of the man elected Chairman, was elected a committeeman from his area, believed to be Mallard Creek. There were several other committeemen elected, names unknown. Contact will be made with this group to find what their plans are. They passed around a pad for each person attending to sign, giving their address and telephone number so that they could be contacted for further work in their local area.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina

October 10, 1966

CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF MEMBERS OF  
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, AND PARENTS OF  
STUDENTS AT STATESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 6, 1966  
PUBLIC EDUCATION,  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated September 26, 1966, captioned as above.

On October 7, 1966, Chief of Police GEORGE STEPHENS, Mecklenburg County Police Department, Charlotte, North Carolina, was advised of the scheduled meeting by the captioned group for October 9, 1966, at the Ranson Junior High School, Charlotte, North Carolina.

On October 9, 1966, CE T-1, advised as follows:

The public meeting of interested persons concerning schools in the North Mecklenburg County area was held as scheduled on the afternoon of Sunday, October 9, 1966, at the Ranson Junior High School, Charlotte, North Carolina, with approximately 35 persons in attendance. The meeting started later than usual due to the fact that GEORGE WILSON, formerly acting as Vice Chairman, desired to see if a larger crowd would gather. At the meeting, WILSON was made Chairman of the group and Mr. REID STUBBS, took over as Vice Chairman.

11 - Bureau (RM) (All RM)

1 - USA, Asheville, NC

1 - DISO, CH, SC

1 - OSI, Langley AFB, Va.

2 - ICG

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RE: CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF MEMBERS OF  
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, AND PARENTS OF  
STUDENTS AT STATESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 6, 1966  
PUBLIC EDUCATION,  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

[REDACTED] was formerly the Chairman of the group but was not present at the meeting on October 9, 1966, and has apparently lost interest in the group.

REID STUBBS gave a small talk during which he described himself as a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the Air Force, residing on East 36th Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, and proprietor of a restaurant.

The actual portion of the meeting time, devoted to discussion of complaints concerning school operation in the North Mecklenburg County area was very short with the only topic being school bus service for the children.

Another meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2:30 p.m. October 16, 1966, at which time it is hoped a larger crowd would be in attendance.

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) is attached as an appendix to this memorandum.



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The second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NORTH CAROLINA)  
(UKA)

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Charlotte, North Carolina

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Title CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF MEMBERS OF  
UKA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
AND PARENTS OF STUDENTS AT STATESVILLE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, N.C.,  
Character TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1966  
PUBLIC EDUCATION, CRA, 1964  
Reference Memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina,  
dated October 10, 1966, captioned  
as above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (173-345) (P)

SUBJECT: CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF MEMBERS  
OF UKA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX  
KLAN, AND PARENTS OF STUDENTS AT  
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N. C., TUESDAY, 9/6/66  
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(OO: CE)

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau 9/26/66, and Charlotte  
teletype to Bureau 10/9/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM in  
captioned matter.

Copies being disseminated locally to military  
intelligence, Secret Service and USA, Asheville, N. C.

CE T-1 is [REDACTED]  
whose identity was protected at his request.

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Charlotte will continue to follow this matter through local authorities and sources, and keep the Bureau as well as appropriate local and State authorities advised of any pertinent developments.

LEADS:

CHARLOTTE:

AT CHARLOTTE, N.C.

1. Will advise COP GEORGE STEPHENS, Mecklenburg County Police of the scheduled meeting 10/16/66.
2. Will submit teletype followed by LHM concerning results of scheduled meeting 10/16/66, to the Bureau.

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# Of Proposed Davidson Academy Hall: 'God Will Not Be Kicked Out'

By BOB BURCHETTE  
Enterprise Staff Writer  
THOMASVILLE — "God will not be kicked out of this school," Kermit B. Hall told a group of about 50 persons last night at Oak Hill Baptist Church at Fair Grove near here. Hall is chairman of the board for Davidson Academy Inc., a private school which he said has already been approved by the State of North Carolina.

"But we just have a school on paper," he added.

Last night's meeting was staged to determine how much interest there is in establishing a private school to serve the Thomasville, High Point, Trinity and Archdale areas. Hall said that a location hasn't been determined for the

school, but it was said that 10 acres of land has been offered to the school for a building site near Archdale. Hall said that he and other trustees will inspect the land to determine whether it will be a suitable spot on which to build a school.

"I PERSONALLY feel that there is a great need for a private school," he said. "You realize the situation," he told the group, "or you wouldn't be here. Schools are no longer under the control of local people. The federal government has usurped its authority. Schools should be locally controlled. We know our needs."

Hall didn't mention integra-

tion of schools, but some in the group asked questions concerning Negroes being able to attend the proposed academy. One man asked if the federal government could force integration of the school and Hall said, "Anything can happen. I don't know. It hasn't come up yet."

But Hall, a teacher at Fair Grove School, said that all students at the school must be approved by the school's board. That prompted another question: "Rev. (W. E.) Banks won't be on the board will he?"

Hall replied, "He isn't on there now." Banks is NAACP leader in the Thomasville area.

ABOUT 70 students are needed in order to open the

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school by September, 1967, Hall said. Names of parents and children were taken last night, and Hall said that a list would be tabulated to determine how much interest there is in forming the school. The group was told, also, to find out whether their neighbors are interested in sending their children to a private school. Without at least 70 students, Hall said, "we may as well forget about it."

He said that tuition costs probably will be \$275 for one child, \$420 for two children from the same family and \$540 for three children. A monthly payment plan, he added, will be worked out. Books will be rented and children will carry their own lunches, he said. Parents

would be required to sign a contract with the school.

THE AMOUNT of money needed for the school hasn't been determined, he said because this will depend on the number of students. About \$45,000 to \$55,000 would be needed to begin with the minimum of 70 students, he said. "We have some ideas on some grants."

Another meeting wasn't scheduled, but Hall said there would be several more meetings and everyone would be contacted.

The mild-mannered speaker termed schools a "propaganda mill to perpetuate their (present government) philosophy of government. I (See HALL on Page 6-C).

don't want my kids to be wards of the state and be brainwashed in their thinking." He made several references to what he called "conservative" publications during his commentary.

"THERE WON'T be any place for politics in the school," he said, answering a question from a man who said he was interested in conservatism and wondered if the school could be used for meetings.

"We will have a Christian and patriotic atmosphere in this school. We'll have reading, writing and arithmetic and four r's of basic American philosophy — reason, respect, responsibility and religion," Hall said.

"It comes down to how much sacrifice are we willing to make. The crisis is here, it is up to us to resolve it."

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On 9/26/66 a social gathering of Klansmen and Klanswomen was held at the Sophia Unit meeting hall. There were 75 to 100 persons present and the entertainment was the showing of film on the Watts Riot. These film had been furnished by the John Birch Society, and members of the Citizens Council from Winston-Salem, N. C., brought the film over and showed it. Two speakers present from the Greensboro, N. C., area were E. H. HENNIS and his wife MARGIE HENNIS. Also present were:

[REDACTED]  
(FNU) [REDACTED]  
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The Sophia Unit building is 32 ft. by 70 ft., well furnished, and the building and furnishings are completely paid for. The unit is planning to add two outer dens.



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Charlotte, North Carolina

October 27, 1966

MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN NORTH MECKLENBURG  
COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, SCHOOLS, OCTOBER 25, 1966  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated October 17, 1966, captioned "CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF MEMBERS OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, AND PARENTS OF STUDENTS AT STATESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1966; PUBLIC EDUCATION - CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1964."

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On October 24, 1966, Chief of Police GEORGE A. STEPHENS, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Police Department, was advised of the protest meeting scheduled for Ranson Junior High School, Charlotte, North Carolina, on October 25, 1966.

On October 25, 1966, CE T-1 advised that the meeting at Ranson Junior High School was held as scheduled starting at approximately 8 p.m., October 25, 1966, with forty persons in attendance.

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MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS  
COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN  
NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH  
CAROLINA, SCHOOLS, OCTOBER 25, 1966

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GEORGE WILSON was in charge of the proceedings and  
recognized in attendance were [redacted] and  
[redacted]

According to CE T-1, the major portion of the  
meeting was concerned with discussion of a petition to present  
to WILLIAM POE, President of Mecklenburg County School Board,  
requesting recognition as a duly organized group protesting  
the school board's action toward school integration.

CE T-1 stated of the forty persons in attendance  
approximately ten were new people who were attending their  
first meeting and were apparently representatives of the  
Cornelius, Berry Hill, and Cochrane High School areas of  
Mecklenburg County.

According to CE T-1, [redacted]  
[redacted]

On October 26, 1966, CE T-1 made available a copy  
of the petition which is being prepared stating that another  
meeting is scheduled for the night of Tuesday, November 1,  
1966, at which time progress reports will be heard.

The following is a copy of the petition as made  
available by CE T-1:

TO: MECKLENBURG COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: PARENTS GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS children attending the public schools of Mecklenburg County are wards of their parents, or guardian and not of a Super-State and

WHEREAS the parents have ultimate responsibility for the spiritual, mental, physical, and moral development of their children in accordance with customs and mores of the Family and Community and not those of a de-humanized, politically motivated Super-State and,

WHEREAS the TENTH AMENDMENT to the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES specifically prohibits the Federal Government from the area of public school operation and

WHEREAS certain appointive officials of the Federal Government have usurped the authority of local school officials through threats and blackmail, using the taxpayers own money as a weapon, and

WHEREAS local school officials have supinely acquiesced in this illegal usurpation with blatant disregard for the will of the parents whose tax money pays their salaries and builds and maintains the schools and

WHEREAS unwarranted coercive tactics are being employed by Federal and local school authorities to enforce authoritarian and illegal concepts of forced integration not prescribed by law and

WHEREAS the authoritarian and illegal attempts to fuse children with incompatible customs and mores into an un-natural relationship destructive of the educational processes and resulting in emotional and social problems being created by the schools, rather than being solved by them,

BE IT RESOLVED: That we the citizens of Mecklenburg County fully intend to exercise our individual and collective responsibilities to our children and their posterity to the end that the customs, mores, and institutions on which Western Civilization is found are not tampered with by self seeking, irresponsible social reformers attempting to impose thoroughly discredited concepts of social equality. Furthermore, fully realizing that equality means equal quality, we stand unalterably opposed to policies of the of school officials which result in forced association between children of alien cultures, customs, and physical characteristics and we do solemnly pledge to exhaust every legal and moral means to prevent it, including non-payment of taxes used for the above purpose. We earnestly request your cooperation in placing the welfare of the children of both races above political considerations to the end that our public schools may serve as a cement to preserve our civilization, rather than an acid to dissolve it.

(signed: George A. Wilson)

Mecklenburg Grievance Committee  
Post Office Box 5161

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Third source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the national office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

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Charlotte, North Carolina  
October 27, 1966

Title	MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, SCHOOLS, OCTOBER 25, 1966
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated October 27, 1966, captioned as above.

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INTEGRATION IN NORTH MECKLENBURG  
COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, SCHOOLS  
OCTOBER 25, 1966  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau enclosing LHM and Bureau airtel to Charlotte both dated 10/17/66 and both captioned "CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF MEMBERS OF UKA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, AND PARENTS OF STUDENTS AT STATESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA; TUESDAY, 9/6/66; PUBLIC EDUCATION; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964. Charlotte teletype to Bureau dated 10/25/66 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of LHM captioned as above.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to military intelligence, Secret Service, and USA, Asheville, N. C.

CE T-1 is [REDACTED] whose identity was protected at his request.

CE T-1 and Chief GEORGE A. STEPHENS were contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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Charlotte will continue to follow this matter through local authorities and sources, keeping the Bureau and appropriate local and state authorities advised of pertinent developments.

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AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Will advise Chief GEORGE A. STEPHENS, Mecklenburg Co., PD, of contemplated meeting on 11/1/66, and after meeting sutel to Bureau, followed by LHM.

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# Moore Says Klan Is 'Sorry' Outfit

Let the record show that Governor Moore is opposed to the Ku Klux Klan.

"It's a sorry organization, it stirs up hatred and bitterness and I am unalterably opposed to the Ku Klux Klan," Moore told his press conference Tuesday.

Firmly but good-naturedly, Moore replied to a question about an editorial appearing in his home newspaper, the Asheville Citizen. The editorial called on Moore to repudiate the Klan.

"If I have not repudiated the Klan, I wish some of you people would tell me what I can say to do it," Moore said. "In the future, I think I will get up and say at every press conference that I am opposed to the Ku Klux Klan."

Moore, questioned about the propriety of the Klan's booth at the recent State Fair, said he does not feel that any political organizations should set up shop on the fairgrounds. He included his own Democratic Party.

"I don't feel that any of these political action groups have any part in a State Fair," Moore said, "and that goes for the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, the Ku Klux Klan, the John Birch Society, the NAACP and the rest. 'I'd like to see them all stopped.'"

The fair's proper role, Moore said, is "to show off North Carolina and the products of North Carolina."

But, Moore said, the rental of space to the Klan as well as other groups "was under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture."

Moore said he played a role in curtailing the activity at the Klan's booth. "I had a report from the SBI that the loudspeaker was being used to broadcast inflammatory remarks and at my request that was stopped."

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## Integration Is Target Of Petition

Petitions charging that the school system was abusing children to promote desegregation were circulated Wednesday by the Mecklenburg Grievance Committee.

The committee, headed by George A. "Hack" Wilson, local coordinator for the John Birch Society, has been meeting to air grievances against the school board for several months.

Wilson said his group hoped to get 10,000 signatures from to get 10,000 signatures from "concerned" parents.

He added that one reason for the petition was to "prove to the school board that we are not a self-appointed group, but representatives of the people of this county."

The school board adopted a policy recently stating that it would not meet with self-appointed groups except through normal public channels.

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Charlotte, North Carolina

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COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN  
NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,  
SCHOOLS, NOVEMBER 1, 1966  
RACIAL MATTERS.

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte,  
North Carolina, dated October 27, 1966, captioned "Meeting  
of Statesville Road Citizens Committee Concerning Integration  
in North Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Schools,  
October 25, 1966, Racial Matters."

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, a daily Charlotte, North  
Carolina, newspaper, in its issue of October 27, 1966,  
included the following article:

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MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS  
COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN  
NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,  
SCHOOLS, NOVEMBER 1, 1966

"The school board adopted a policy recently stating that it would not meet with self-appointed groups except through normal public channels."

On October 31, 1966, Chief of Police GEORGE A. STEPHENS, Mecklenburg County Police Department, Charlotte, was advised of the scheduling of meeting by captioned organization on November 1, 1966.

On November 2, 1966, CE T-1 advised that captioned meeting was held, with approximately 25 people in attendance, at Ranson Junior High School, Charlotte, starting at 7:30 p.m. According to CE T-1, GEORGE A. WILSON presided, and the only other speaker was REID STUBBS. The discussion concerned the petition being circulated, and it was announced that approximately 1,200 signatures had been obtained.

CE T-1 stated that WILSON, in his speech, stated that a minimum of 5,000 signatures was desired and that at the next meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., November 15, 1966, at the Johnson Memorial YMCA, Charlotte, the date would be set when this petition would be presented to the Mecklenburg County School Board.

According to CE T-1, [REDACTED]

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A characterization of the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), is attached as an appendix to this memorandum.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.

Second source advised that at a meeting in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the national office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NORTH CAROLINA)  
(UKA)

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On August 17, 1964, a source advised that the North Carolina organization of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, became affiliated with the national organization of the same group in the spring of 1961. The State Headquarters was at the residence of North Carolina Grand Dragon JAMES ROBERTSON JONES, Granite Quarry, North Carolina, who is subordinate to the national organization with headquarters in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The organization in North Carolina has the same aims and objectives as the parent group; that is, advocacy of segregation of the races and white supremacy.

On August 17, 1966, the same source advised that the status, leadership, and affiliation of the North Carolina organization have not changed. The State Headquarters is still located at Granite Quarry, North Carolina, but is no longer maintained at the residence of Grand Dragon JAMES ROBERTSON JONES.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
November 3, 1966

Title            MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS  
                 COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN  
                 NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,  
                 SCHOOLS, NOVEMBER 1, 1966

Character       RACIAL MATTERS

Reference       Memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina,  
                 dated November 3, 1966, captioned as  
                 above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.



11/3/66

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (173-345) (P)

MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS  
COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN  
NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY, N. C.,  
SCHOOLS, 11/1/66  
RM

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 10/27/66, and  
Charlotte teletype to Bureau, 11/2/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of  
RM re captioned matter; copies being disseminated locally  
to Military Intelligence and Secret Service and USA,  
Asheville, N. C.

CE T-1 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has furnished his  
information to SA [REDACTED] identity is  
being protected at his request.

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[REDACTED] was also contacted by  
SA [REDACTED]

LEAD:

CHARLOTTE:

AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Will advise Charlotte and Mecklenburg County [REDACTED]  
of scheduled meeting of captioned organization for 11/15/66  
and after meeting airtel to Bureau, followed by RM.

3 - Bureau (Encls. -11) (RM)

① - Charlotte (2 - 173-345) (1 - 157-177 Sub B)  
(1 - 100-9548) (1 - 157-1513) (1 - 157-1852)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina

November 16, 1966

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MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS  
COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN  
NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,  
SCHOOLS, NOVEMBER 15, 1966  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated November 3, 1966, captioned "MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, SCHOOLS, NOVEMBER 1, 1966, RACIAL MATTERS."

On November 4, 1966, Chief of Police G. A. STEPHENS, Mecklenburg County Police Department and on November 9, 1966, [redacted] Charlotte, North Carolina, Police Department, were advised of captioned meeting being scheduled.

On November 15, 1966, CE T-1 advised that captioned meeting was held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. at Johnson Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Charlotte, North Carolina, with 19 persons in attendance. A general discussion was held concerning the petition being circulated and the best

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- 1 - USA, Asheville, NC
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- 1 - OSI, Langley AFB, Va.
- 2 - MIG
- 1 - SS, Charlotte NC
- ④ - Charlotte

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RE: MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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estimate of the number of signatures obtained was 2500 to 3,000. Another meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 1966, to determine the exact number of signatures obtained and to set a date when the petition will be presented to the Mecklenburg County School Board, Charlotte, North Carolina.

According to T-1, one SAM WILSON was the Chairman at the meeting and no incidents occurred.



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Charlotte, North Carolina

November 16, 1966

Title	MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, SCHOOLS, NOVEMBER 15, 1966
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated November 16, 1966, captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CE T-1 with whom contact has been insufficient to judge his reliability, is in a position to furnish reliable information.

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Date: 11/16/66

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (173-345) (P)

SUBJECT: MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS  
COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN  
NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,  
SCHOOLS, NOVEMBER 15, 1966  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau 11/3/66, with date  
of meeting shown in caption as 11/1/66, and Charlotte  
teletype to Bureau 11/15/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM re  
captioned matter.

Copies being disseminated locally to Military  
Intelligence and Secret Service and also USA, Asheville, N. C.

All contacts in LHM were by SA [REDACTED]

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CE T-1 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] whose identity was protected at the request [REDACTED]

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① - 100-9548

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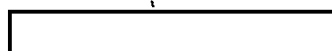
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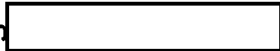


 cognizant of next scheduled meeting.

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AT CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Will maintain contact with  and after next meeting will sutel results to Bureau, followed by LHM.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
November 23, 1966

MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS  
COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN  
NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,  
SCHOOLS, NOVEMBER 21, 1966  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated November 16, 1966, captioned "MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, SCHOOLS, NOVEMBER 15, 1966, RACIAL MATTERS."

On November 21, 1966, [redacted] advised as follows:

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The meeting of captioned group was held on the night of November 21, 1966, from 7:30 p.m. until 10:45 p.m. at Johnson Memorial Young Men's Christian Association, Charlotte, North Carolina, with 30 to 35 persons in attendance. It was announced that 2,000 to 2,500 names had been obtained on the petition which is to be presented to the Mecklenburg County School Board but no date was set for the presentation.

All persons present at the meeting plan to attend the meeting of the Mecklenburg County School Board on November 22, 1966, to request use of the Ranson Junior High School, Statesville Road, Charlotte, as a meeting place free of charge.

No incidents or arrests occurred at the meeting and included in the persons present were [redacted] and [redacted]

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- 11 - Bureau
- 1 - USA, Asheville
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- 1 - OSI
- 1 - MIG
- 1 - SS
- ⑥ - Charlotte
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- (1 - 157-177 Sub B)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (172-345) (P)  
SUBJECT: MEETING OF STATESVILLE ROAD CITIZENS  
COMMITTEE CONCERNING INTEGRATION IN  
NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,  
SCHOOLS, NOVEMBER 21, 1966  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 11/16/66, enclosing  
LHM with date of meeting shown in caption as 11/15/66, and  
Charlotte teletype to Bureau dated 11/21/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM re  
captioned matter.

Copies of LHM being disseminated locally to  
military intelligence, Secret Service and USA, Asheville,  
N. C.

Contact with [redacted] was by SA  
[redacted]

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Will maintain contact with [redacted] and local  
sources keeping the Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

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⑤ - Charlotte ( 2 - 172-345)  
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## John Birch Film Hits Civil Rights Demonstrations

A film, asserting that civil rights demonstrations in this country are Communist-inspired, was shown at the fourth and final forum of the American Opinion Library at Myers Park High School last night.

The film was shown to about 75 viewers when it was learned that scheduled speaker Scott Stanley was unable to attend. The American Opinion Library is a distributor of John Birch Society literature and material.

The film, which the library plans to make available to the police and fire departments and the school system, lasted for an hour and a half and compared American civil rights demonstrations and riots to Communist movements in China, Algeria and Cuba.

In the film, civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King was accused of being a Communist, similar to leaders who led Communist revolts in other countries, and a five-point plan of domination was mapped out.

Communists take over a country, the film said, by dividing the people against each other, appearing to have massive popular support, smearing opponents by calling them "facists" and "Nazis", getting the people to demonstrate in the streets and forcing conflict with law enforcement agencies attempting to control rioting.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

7 CHARLOTTE NEWS  
Charlotte, N. C.

Date: 12-2-66

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SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)

Enclosed for Bureau are two (2) copies of an article from the 12/2/66 issue of the Charlotte News, Charlotte, N. C., captioned "John Birch Film Hits Civil Rights Demonstrations."

One copy of this article is enclosed for Atlanta as it contains information concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Charlotte, North Carolina

December 8, 1966

PUPILS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated November 23, 1966, captioned "Meeting of Statesville Road Citizens Committee Concerning Integration In North Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Schools, November 21, 1966, Racial Matters".

On November 23, 1966, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the Statesville Road Citizens Committee Concerning Integration had changed its name to the Pupils Protective Association and the following persons are the officers:



The Charlotte "News", a daily Charlotte, North Carolina, newspaper, in its issue of November 23, 1966, carried the following news item:

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- 1 - USA, Asheville, N.C.
- 1 - NISO, Ch. SC
- 1 - OSI, L AFB Va
- 1 - LEO
- 1 - SS
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- (1-157-1513)
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## GRIEVANCE GROUP

# Bid For School's Free Use Denied

By MALCOLM SCULLY  
Observer Staff Writer

A committee complaining of "abuses in the schools in the name of integration" Tuesday night asked the school board to let the group meet free of charge at Ranson Junior High School.

The request was denied unanimously, but not until board members and the committee's leader George A. Wilson had a 20-minute interchange covering everything from the Great Society to specific grievances against the local school system.

Wilson told the board that his group, formerly known as the Mecklenburg Grievance Committee, had changed its name to the Pupils Protective Association.

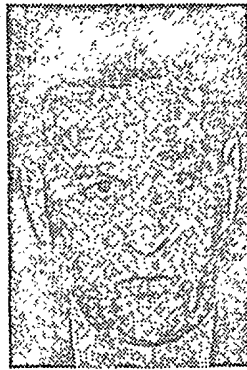
They meet once a week at Ranson, and are charged a \$15 rental fee, he said, while the PTA there meets free of charge.

"We represent the children the same way the PTA does," he said.

Board chairman William E. Poe pressed Wilson to describe the nature of his committee and to enumerate specific grievances.

"We represent about 10,000 people," Wilson responded, "who aren't in accord with some of the things that are going on in the schools."

"I don't believe we have



George A. Wilson  
... 'Not In Accord'

facilities anywhere for that many people," Poe said.

Wilson added that about 200 people attend each meeting.

When pressed further about the nature of the grievances, he said that they would be presented to the board in writing

at the "appropriate time," but cited one case of a 14-year-old girl who could not get bus transportation to Ranson.

The girl had been adopted after her father was sent to a prison, he added, and the real father had been threatening to kidnap her when he got out of prison.

Wilson said the man who had adopted the girl was afraid to let her walk to school because of her father's threats, but that the schools would not provide bus transportation for her because she lived too close to the school.

Until this year when the school lines were redrawn to eliminate all-Negro schools, he said, the girl had been getting bus transportation.

"Due to this 'Great Society' movement, the buses have been rerouted," Wilson said.

At that point in the discussion, board member Frank Dowd Jr. suggested that the board consider Wilson's original request about the use of the Ranson facilities.

"His organization is enjoying the minimum rate and I don't think, Mr. Wilson, that you should ask for anything more than that," Dowd said.

The board voted against allowing the group to meet free of charge, noting that all organizations except the PTAs are charged a minimum fee to cover heat, electric and insurance bills.

After the decision, board member Henderson Belk suggested to Wilson that his committee prepare a list of their grievances to be submitted to the board for consideration.

Wilson assured the board that that would be done.

PUPILS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

On December 7, 1966, CE T-1 advised that captioned organization plans to hold a meeting on December 11, 1966, at 2:30 P.M. at Maples Restaurant [REDACTED] 1200 East 36th Street, Charlotte, North Carolina. At this meeting, the petitions are to be checked to determine the number of names and if possible, a date set for presentation of the petitions to the Mecklenburg County School Board.

According to CE T-1, [REDACTED] has given up her position as treasurer but it is not known at this time who will take her place.

On December 7, 1966, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was advised of the meeting scheduled by captioned group for December 11, 1966.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (173-345) (P)

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Title marked changed to reflect present name of committee which was previously carried under the caption of "Testing of Statesville Road Citizens Committee Concerning Integration in North Mecklenburg County, N.C., Schools, 11/21/66, RM".

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau 11/23/66 enclosing IHM under previous title.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of IHM re captioned matter, copies of which are being disseminated locally to military intelligence, Secret Service, and USA, Asheville, N.C.

Contact with [redacted] was by SA [redacted]

Contact with CE T-1, who is [redacted] whose identity was protected at his request, was by SA JAMES M. UNDERHILL.

LEAD:

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Will putel after meeting, followed by an IHM concerning results.

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Charlotte, North Carolina  
December 12, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

PUPILS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated December 8, 1966.

On December 11, 1966, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the Pupils Protective Association held a meeting as scheduled on December 11, 1966. Approximately thirty (30) people were in attendance, including [redacted]

[redacted] The meeting was held at [redacted] Maple Soda and Sandwich Shop, 1200 East 36th Street, Charlotte, North Carolina. It was not mentioned how many names were on the petition which has been circulated, however, it was determined that it might be possible that this petition would be presented to the School Board at their meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 1966. A number of persons from the Pupils Protective Association planned to attend this School Board meeting and again ask for free space for meetings of the Pupils Protective Association. The possibility of circulating an additional petition to get the Superintendent of School thrown out of office was also brought up. [redacted] mentioned that he was trying to get the group chartered and invited Pupils Protective Association members to join the John Birch Society and to attend a movie sponsored by the John Birch Society, to be held on December 12, 1966, at the public library.

The main topic of discussion during the one and one-half hour meeting was concern with integration problems in the Mecklenburg County Schools.

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12/12/66

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (173-345) (P)  
SUBJECT: PUPILS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
RM

Re Charlotte teletype to the Bureau dated 12/11/66,  
and Charlotte airtel dated 12/8/66, enclosing LHM.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM  
regarding captioned matter, copies of which are being  
disseminated locally to military intelligence, Secret Service,  
and USA, Asheville, N. C.

Contact with [redacted] was handled by  
SA EDWARD J. BRENNAN.

LEADS:

CHARLOTTE:

AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Will continue to follow activities of this captioned  
group.

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 11) (RM)
- ⑥ - Charlotte (2 - 173-345)
  - (1 - 157-177 Sub B)
  - ① - 100-9548)
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SAC ( 157-230 )

12-14-66

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Film "ANARCHY USA"  
Tri City Film Co  
Exhibition of  
RM ( Klan )

On this date, [REDACTED] a self admitted member of  
the John Birch Society, [REDACTED] advised that  
captioned film, which is being shown throughout this area,  
was put out by the John Birch Society. The film, of 2 reels,  
traces the growth of Communism from the Chinese Revolution  
to present times in the USA. Sequences show Martin Luther King  
with known CP members & also the divisive factor of the Klan  
in American life. In spite of being a slap at the Klan,

[REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED]

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It is noted that [REDACTED] has verified showings  
at [REDACTED] unit and also by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on the nights of Dec. 9, 10 & 11, 1966 at High Point  
which was open to the public.

Above is for info.  
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*John Birch Society*

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## House Looted Of \$326 Here In Cash, Items

Thieves ransacked the home of George A. Wilson, 2801 Hilliard Dr., late yesterday and stole money and other items valued at \$326.45.

Mr. Wilson told police the incident occurred between 5:30 p.m. and 7:20 p.m.

He said he and the family went out for dinner and discovered the break-in when they returned about 7:20 p.m.

Police said the thieves forced the lock on the front door.

Mr. Wilson said he found three rooms ransacked.

Missing were \$88.50 cash, an evening handbag, three pistols, a watch and a check for \$37.95, he said.

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PUPILS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated January 10, 1967.

On January 16, 1967, CE T-1 advised that the Pupils Protective Association held a meeting at the Maples Restaurant, East 36th Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, starting at 2:30 P.M., on January 15, 1967. During the meeting the discussion concerned the possibility of starting a private school and a scheduled meeting of the John Birch Society on January 26, 1967.

[redacted] it appears interest is rapidly declining in the organization.

The next meeting of the Pupils Protective Association according to T-1 is tentatively scheduled for 2:30 P.M. on January 22, 1967, at the Maples Restaurant.

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Title PUPILS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Memorandum dated January 16, 1967,  
at Charlotte, North Carolina,  
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6579)  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (173-345)  
SUBJECT: PUPILS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
RM

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 1/10/67, enclosing  
FBI and Charlotte teletype to Bureau, 1/16/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of RM  
regarding captioned matter, copies of which are being  
disseminated locally to military intelligence, Secret Service,  
and U. S. Attorney, Asheville, N. C.

On 1-11-67 [redacted]  
who requested his identity [redacted]  
[redacted] be concealed [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted]

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It is noted that investigation was initiated  
concerning this matter due to the fact information was  
received concerning contemplated appearance of members of the  
USA, Inc., RMK at the Statesville Road Elementary School.  
Since that time, the Pupils Protective Association has  
evolved and at present there are no known members of the USA  
in attendance or members of captioned organization. Therefore,  
WACE, this case being closed in the Charlotte Office.

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Jan. 11, 1967  
Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you to let you know that I have subscribed for The Worker. It is (I think) important to know their aims and tactics and I think too that I may be able to obtain information on those subjects from their publication.

I am a [redacted] in the John Birch Society. As you know, our main object is to expose Communism with the truth as our only weapon. I believe this is the best way to fight Communism and not cause hatred and confusion between the races.

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I, as well as many of my associates, consider you, Mr. Hoover, as one of the

greatest Americans today and we are sure that you will go down in our history among such Patriots as General Douglas MacArthur, General Patton, General Mark Clark, Herbert Hoover, Senator McC Carthy and others.

I have no other reason to express my opinion and feelings for you, except for the fact that I am a firm believer in presenting the facts before, instead of after your departure. The Conservatives of this Nation will put your name among the above mentioned.

Congratulations on your wonderful work and best wishes for a happy 1967.

Sincerely,



Charlotte, N.C. 28205

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January 16, 1967

[redacted]  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28205

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of January 11th and want to thank you for your good wishes for the New Year. I appreciate your expression of confidence in my work and ability.

You may be assured the information you furnished will be made a matter of record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Aliases

Address

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Birthplace

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## People's Platform More About That 'Finely Drawn Line'

Editors, The News:

I am writing this letter in reference to the letter of Rev. Alfred Wilkins, in which he referred to your editorial of August 17th, 'Stepping Across A Finely Drawn Line,' as B-A-L-O-N-E-Y.

Speaking of "baloney," I am sure that Rev. Wilkins' letter contained more than I have seen in any letter or column except Harry Golden's column on "Cures For Hangovers," which appeared in our (of all times!) Sunday paper several weeks ago.

Imagine a preacher standing in the pulpit referring to something as "baloney." I think he is a little undignified to refer to anything as "baloney," although I am sure Rev. Wilkins was not in his pulpit at the time.

... I definitely think the Negroes should have places to eat and sleep along the highways, but why do the people of their race not have the ambition and initiative to go in business if they are so in need of these accommodations? Why do they not get that kind of support and business backing from the NAACP? I'll tell Rev. Wilkins and the rest of the race why: Because the NAACP is infested with communism that its main purpose is to cause disturbance among

Charlotte the most loyal Americans in this country.

If you do not believe this, please read J. Edgar Hoover's report and also Sen. Eastland's report on the NAACP.

Will you please tell me, Rev. Wilkins, what we have in common with the Negro in social life? And will you please tell me where is the Negro's pride . . . when he insists on going into a place that he is not wanted?

We have places, within my own race, which I do not enter because I know that I am not wanted or invited. I have that much pride, and I am only a very little man of my race.

—GEORGE A. WILSON

## 'What The Noise Seeks To Show'

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

Answering Mr. H. A. Linder's letter bringing me to task for "Stepping Across A Finely Drawn Line": If he had been in City Recorder's Court this morning (August 23), he would have heard defendants' lawyer make the very point and cite authority that private business for public accommodation and service, operated under a grant of privilege — the franchise or license to serve the public —

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# John Birch Official Files For Council

By PAT STITH  
News Staff Writer

A leader of the local John Birch Society filed today for the City Council primary April 24.

George A. (Hack) Wilson, 50, a John Birch official for the past two and a half years, became the seventh candidate to enter the race.

Mr. Wilson's name has popped up in the news periodically since he joined the Birch Society, a right-wing, anti-Communist group.



GEORGE A. WILSON  
... In The Race

IN NOVEMBER, 1965, he had an automatic telephone device installed in his home which repeats a two-minute message prepared by "Let Freedom Ring Inc." of Sarasota, Fla.

"Let Freedom Ring" has attacked U. S. presidents, the United Nations, the U. S. Supreme Court, various Jewish organizations and Parent-Teacher Associations.

Last summer the message criticized contributors to The Charlotte Observer's Anti-Terrorism Fund as either uninformed about the "Communist conspiracy or else they want to aid the Communist cause."

The Observer fund was set up as a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who bombed the homes of four civil rights leaders here Nov. 22, 1965.

One of the homes bombed was the residence of present City Councilman Fred Alexander.

This week's message labels Gen. William Westmoreland, U. S. commander in Vietnam, a Communist.

IT SAYS the U. S. government only wants a "stalemate

in Vietnam" and calls for America's withdrawal from the United Nations.

Recently, Mr. Wilson headed a group which called itself the Pupils' Protective Association and which claimed to represent 10,000 people. The committee's complaints centered around school desegregation.

Mr. Wilson, a native of Alabama, is a superintendent at Highland Park Manufacturing Inc. He is married and has two children.

"I decided to run for three reasons," he said today. "First of all, I'm a conservative and conservatives need to be represented on the council."

"I live in northeast Charlotte (2801 Hilliard Dr.), and I am a mill man and both these groups need to be represented."

Mr. Wilson, who says he is Charlotte's No. 1 Bircher, would not say how many people belong to that organization.

"I will say this — there are not nearly enough of us to swing the vote. But society members could serve as poll workers; they could help a lot."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (97-169)

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

Date: MAY 19 1967  
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On 4/18/67, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, furnished [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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The name and address of the individual shown above  
was on this list.

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[Signature]

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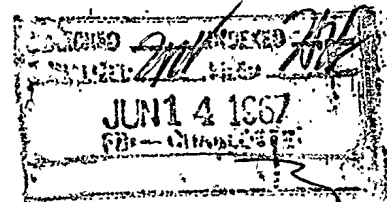
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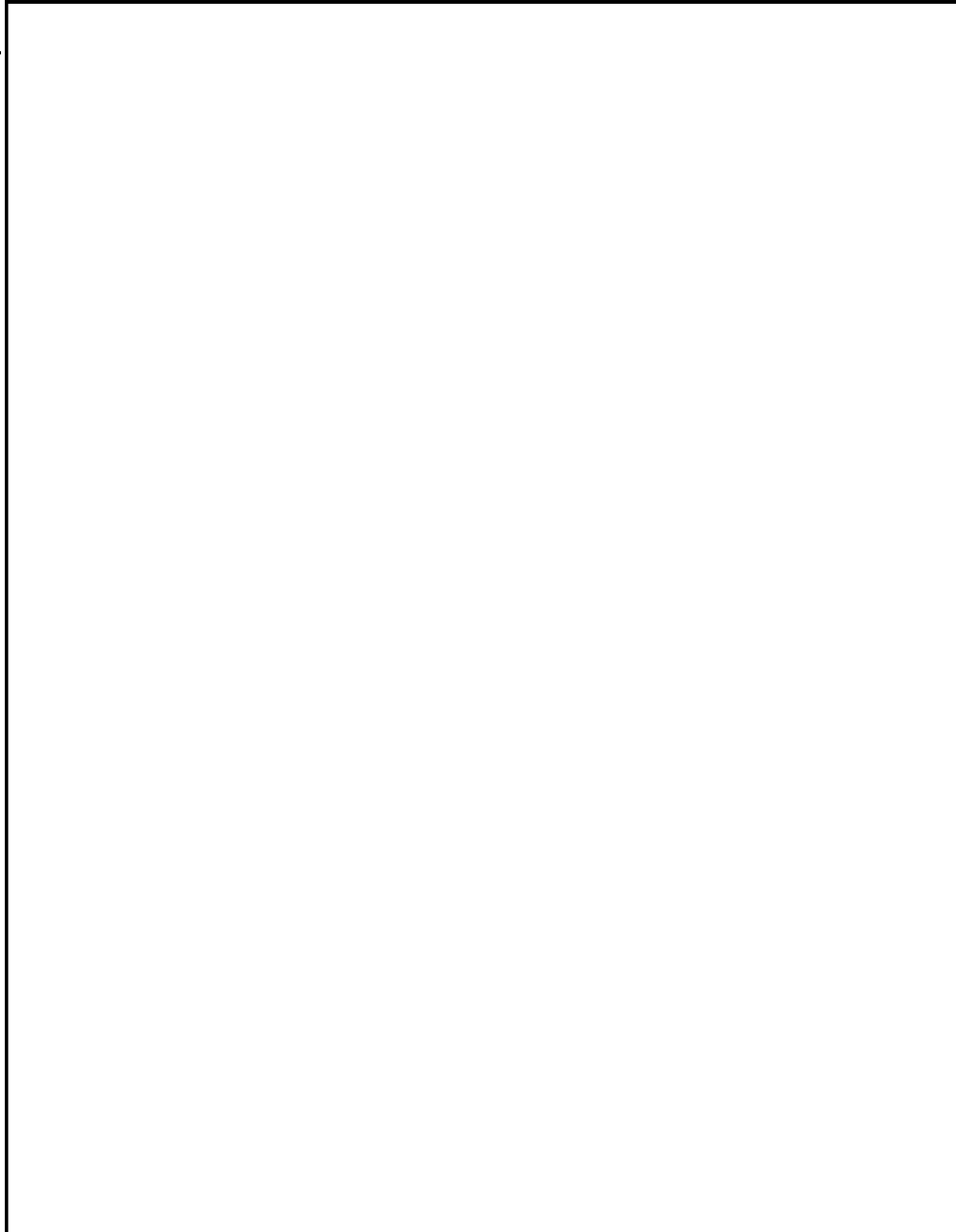
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June 2, 1967

On May 30, 1967, a regular meeting of the [redacted]  
[redacted] Unit of the United Klans of America, Inc.,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) was held at the [redacted]  
Klavern Hall. Thirty-two members were present among whom  
were the following:



The main topic for discussion at this meeting was the up coming rally on June 10, 1967. This discussion involved the advertising of the rally and preparation for the various raffles to be held.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-230)

URA, INC., RRRR.  
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Enclosed for info of Columbia and Knoxville is one  
copy each of report of [redacted] Section II, 111th  
MIG, dated 5/5/67, captioned [redacted]

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Brief description of activity or material

Meeting [redacted] 5/2, 9, 16, 23, & 29/67

Citizens Council meetings 5/5, & 20/67.

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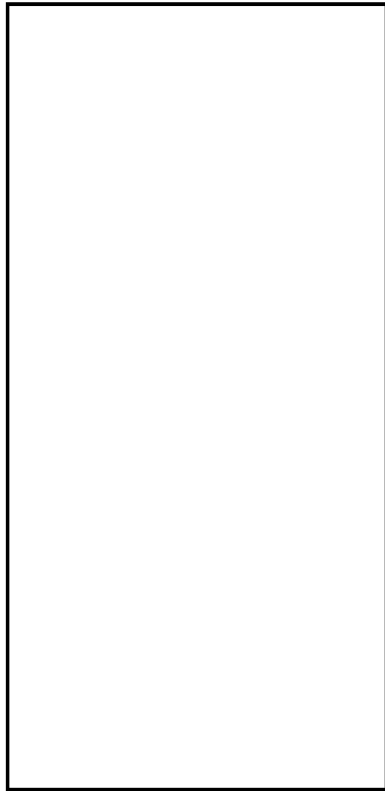
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June 7, 1967

On May 2, 1967, the regular meeting of [redacted] b7D  
[redacted] United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux  
Klan (UKA) was held with [redacted] members present. Those recognized  
were the following:



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At this meeting it was voted unanimously that the  
Unit would remain with UKA [redacted]  
[redacted] read a letter from  
the State Office and stated that the mail would be sent to him  
from the State Office until further notice.

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It was announced there would be a big rally in  
Richmond, Virginia, the following weekend. b6 b7C b7D

On

stated that

June 7, 1967

On May 5, 1967, a meeting of the American Citizens Council was held at [REDACTED] There were approximately 30 people there, many of them Klansmen. Those recognized as Klansmen were as follows:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Those who were not Klansmen but who are active in the Citizens Council are as follows:

[REDACTED]

This was a general organizational meeting of the American Citizens Council and it was decided at this meeting that officers of the organization should be elected.

The following were elected for the Greensboro Chapter of the American Citizens Council:

President - [REDACTED]

Vice President - [REDACTED]  
Telephone 656-3928

Secretary - [REDACTED]  
Telephone 656-3928

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Treasury - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Chairman of the Membership and  
Finance Committee - [REDACTED]  
Telephone 272-4319

Organizational Committee - [REDACTED]

Political Committee - [REDACTED]

It was announced at this meeting that there were now  
47 members of the American Citizens Council.

The matter of white supremacy appeared to be the only  
thing of any consequences as far as the American Citizens  
Council is concerned and it was stated that the Greensboro  
group was pressed for white supremacy within the law.

June 7, 1967

On May 9, 1967, a meeting of the [REDACTED]  
was scheduled to be held [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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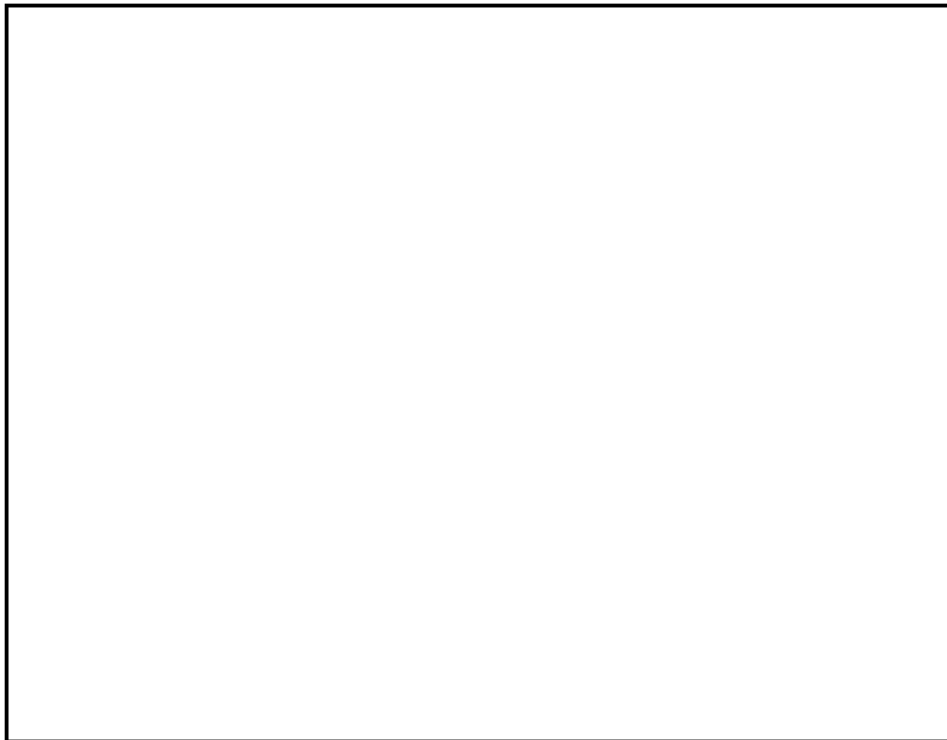
In view of the fact that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] no meeting of [REDACTED] was held on this occasion.

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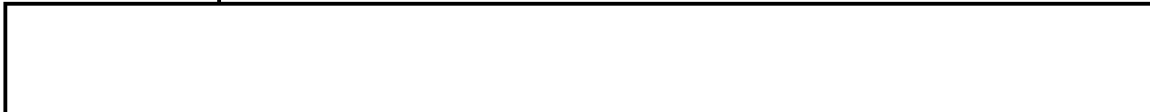
On May 16, 1967, the regular meeting of the [redacted]  
[redacted] United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux  
Klan (UKA), was held with [redacted] men present. Those recognized  
were the following:



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At the beginning of the meeting the Exalted Cyclops  
[redacted] announced that if anyone there was not still  
sympathetic and with UKA that he should leave.

This was a very short meeting and most of the men  
decided to [redacted]



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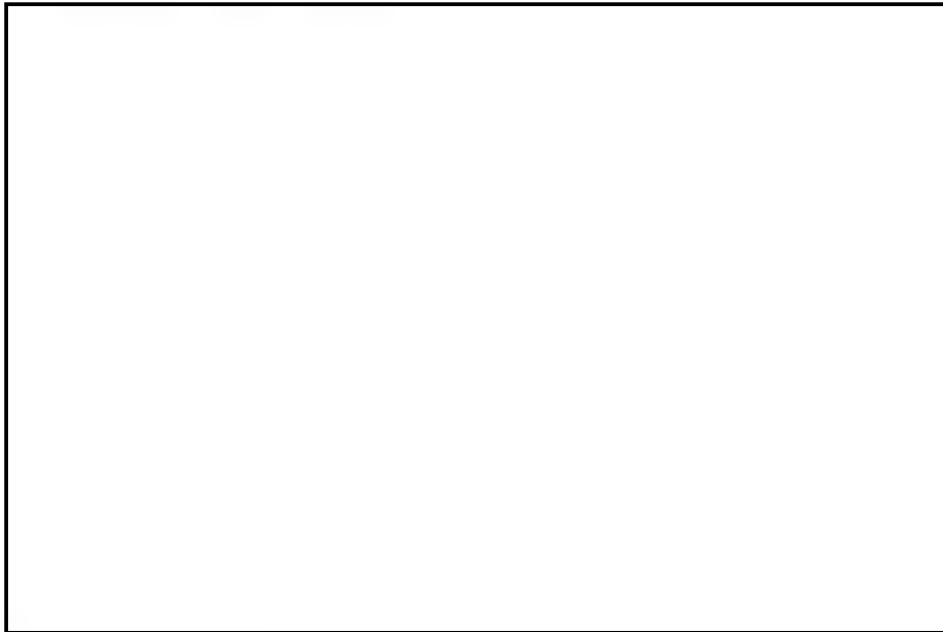
On May 20, 1967, a meeting of the American Citizens Council at Holiday Inn North at Greensboro, North Carolina, with approximately 50 people present. DON POTEAT, the organizer of the Citizens Council from South Carolina, was the principal speaker. Elections were formerly held and those who had previously been elected, were positively elected at this meeting. A number of Klansmen were there and it was also stated that several members of the John Birch Society and even the American Nazi Party were present.

According to DON POTEAT there has been considerable interest shown among the influential people of Greensboro, North Carolina, for this organization and that he thought that it would grow strong.



June 7, 1967

The regular meeting of [redacted] United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), was held on May 23, 1967, with [redacted] Klansmen present. Those recognized were the following: b7D

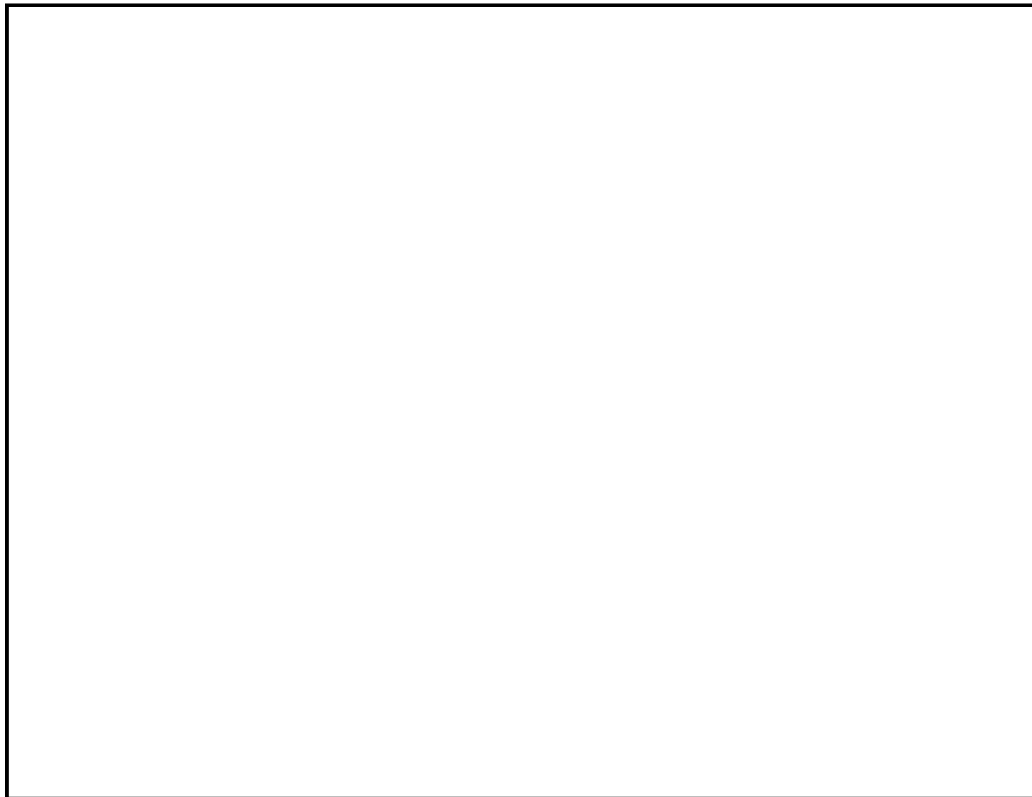


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All of the discussion at this meeting concerned the re-organization of [redacted] following UKA and J. R. JONES. It is obvious that [redacted] is responsible mainly for keeping the [redacted] supporting UKA and it was decided that they would elect officers at the next meeting. [redacted] said that J. R. JONES stated they would need \$70 to [redacted] in UKA. b6  
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June 7, 1967

On May 29, 1967, the regular meeting of [redacted] b7D  
[redacted] was held with [redacted] present. Those recognized  
were the following:



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All the discussion again concerned the split  
between J. R. JONES and [redacted] It was stated that  
some of the men who had left [redacted] in support  
of [redacted] were disillusioned and wanted to come back  
into [redacted]

Other than the discussion about the above situation  
it was a routine business meeting with a discussion on how  
to raise money, whether a street walk should be held etc.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE

DATE: 10/27/67

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22382) -RUC-

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka

SM - MISCELLANEOUS  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U. S. Army Intelligence Command,  
Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, advised SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on 10/26/67, that captioned individual, born  
[REDACTED] in [REDACTED] enlisted in the U.S.  
Army on [REDACTED] ASN [REDACTED] On a Statement of  
Personal History (DD Form 398) dated 9/18/67, [REDACTED]  
listed membership in the John Birch Society from 1964 to  
the present.

One copy of the DD form 398 is enclosed for your information,  
in view of subject's membership in the John Birch Society.

Subject's Home of Record is listed as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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On Friday evening, October 6, 1967, at 8 p.m. there was a rally held at Concord, North Carolina. This was a very well-attended rally--I would estimate from 500 to 800 people. There were a good many more Klanspeople than are normally seen at the rallies recently, and it was a very good rally [redacted]. There was an unusual visitor at the rally, Mr. REID STUBBS, who is with the John Birch Society in Charlotte, North Carolina. He runs a John Birch bookstore in the vicinity of 36th Street in North Charlotte. He attended this rally and gave 100 records, to which he has written the words, recorded by Arthur Smith Studio in Charlotte, and the music is supposedly played by ARTHUR SMITH and the singer on the record is supposedly a member of the BILLY GRAHAM evangelistic team, but the names were not on the records--only REID STUBBS' name is on the record as having written the song, "Wallace '68." He presented the 100 records to the United Klans and stated whatever money was received from these records could be used for their defense fund.

Mr. REID STUBBS also at the meeting after being introduced on the platform made an invitation publicly to J. R. JONES to appear on his radio program on station WPEG, FM, in Concord, North Carolina, October 8, 1967, at 9 p.m. JONES did appear on the program Sunday, October 8, 1967, at 9 p.m.

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SA JAMES H. WHELAN

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Shortly before midnight on 12/23/67, [redacted]  
of NY telephoned Agent at home. [redacted] stated [redacted]

[redacted] He has rec'd on the night of [redacted] several  
anonymous telephone calls, all of which were anonymous.  
Some of these were abusive & at least was obscene. None made any  
direct threats against him. He stated his principal purpose  
in calling was to Agent know that he was rec'g such calls  
& was annoyed by them, & that if anyone attempted to physically  
harm him he would definitely defend himself. Agent suggested  
that if he receives threatening calls or thought himself in  
danger, he should contact the FD. He indicated he would do so  
if this continued.

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[redacted] said he has no knowledge whether [redacted]  
[redacted] had rec'd any calls.

He said he had no definite knowledge as to who any of  
the callers were, but from the voice, believed that [redacted]  
[redacted] was one of those who had called him. He said he  
had no knowledge that [redacted] was behind any of these  
calls, & was confident that [redacted] himself had not called since  
he would have recognized his voice. In connection with [redacted]  
he said that [redacted]

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[redacted] He said in addition

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Brief description of activity or material <div></div> <b>Klavern IKKKK and general</b> <b>information regarding IKKKK.</b>		File where original is located if not attached <div></div> <sup>b2</sup> <sub>b7D</sub>

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On [ ] the [ ] Klavern of Invisible  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (IKKKK) [ ] meeting at  
[ ] located [ ]  
[ ] near a small service station.  
[ ] members were present including the following:

[Redacted list of names]

No new members were taken in at this meeting.

[Redacted text]

[ ] There was discussion about this but no definite  
agreement was reached.

The [ ] of IKKKK has been having a dispute  
with the members in the [ ] Klavern of United Klans of  
America, Inc., (UKA) about [ ]

[Redacted text]

[REDACTED]

Since the split in the [REDACTED] UKA Klavern, with

[REDACTED]

If [REDACTED] will not agree to do this, the others  
plan to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Concerning the general set-up of IKKKK it is understood that WOODROW LYNCH and [ ] were the original incorporators in North Carolina. [ ]

[ ] do not like the violent nature of his talk. It is believed that sooner or later there will be a break between LYNCH and [ ] because of this or because of the general struggle between them for leadership, and it appears that people in the Charlotte area are in favor of LYNCH and against [ ]

The initiation fee for membership in IKKKK is \$15.00. Of this, \$5.00 goes to the Kleagle in the county where the man is taken in. \$2.00 goes to the King Kleagle, who is a sort of supervisor over a section of the State. [ ] is the King Kleagle in the Charlotte area. The other \$8.00 of the \$15.00 goes to the State Headquarters, which so far appears to mean that it goes directly to WOODROW LYNCH. So far as is known LYNCH is not at present sending any money to what is supposed to be the national headquarters of IKKKK in Florida.

The initiation fee can be set higher than \$15.00 if the local unit wants to do so, in which case the local unit would be entitled to keep that portion which is over \$15.00.

It is not known that any actual recruiting efforts for IKKKK have been made in [ ] but [ ] has said he plans to work in that area.

[ ] have made statements to the effect that they have been contacting individuals in the area of [ ] and claim to be having some success in getting members. So far as known, no members from that area have as yet come in. From the nature of their remarks it appears they are concentrating on people who are now or have in the past been members of UKA.

WOODROW LYNCH has made a statement to the effect that when a public rally is held, the local unit should be the one to make the arrangements and prepare the cross, etc. However, the local unit will be fully reimbursed out of what is received at the rally for all its expenses. LYNCH says that after the expenses for the local unit have been taken out of the receipts from the rally, then the local unit and the State Headquarters

will share in the rest of the receipts. LYNCH has also spoken generally about the idea of buying or renting some movie film and showing it at various places and charging for admission as a means both of raising money and getting the Klan's message across.

[redacted] has made some general statements to the effect that he wants to get on Radio Station WSOC in Charlotte, N. C., and make a speech attacking J. R. JONES and UKA. So far as is known no arrangements have been made for this. [redacted] is in favor of doing this sort of thing, but many other members are against it.

[redacted]  
[redacted] have been in the area of [redacted]  
[redacted] passing out literature for IKKKK. [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] and take members away from [redacted] and his  
Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (CKKKK).

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From The Christian Science Monitor

**BIRCH SOCIETY FAILS**

Word that the John Birch Society is declining in members, in money and in influence is welcome. Given the basic good sense of American society, this was bound to happen sooner or later. The society's decline will reduce a destructive element in public debate.

Like the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, whose meteoric career also fell into inevitable eclipse, the John Birch Society has trafficked principally in exaggeration and hysteria. These are shifting sands upon which to seek to build a lasting or a constructive influence in a nation of educated, sophisticated individuals.

Any group which could accuse former President Eisenhower of Communist associations or which would question the patriotism of Chief Justice Earl Warren is one whose influence on national thought cannot but be harmful, as well as short-lived.

Far from being an effective anti-Communist force, the John Birch Society, like Senator McCarthy before it, did more to help than to hurt Marxism. Just as the senator was probably the single greatest propaganda blessing

given world communism during the first half of the 1950's, so the society tended to weaken true anti-communism through revulsion against the society's intellectual antics.

It is significant of American good sense that the society's decline has come despite the growing intensity of the Communist-fed war in Vietnam. Had the society presented a credible image, this war could have been expected to redound to its benefit. The same can be said of the recent Summer rioting in American cities. Although many Americans are ready to believe that Communists have sought to benefit from such rioting, this, too, has apparently failed to help the society's standing.

The biggest tip-off that something was radically wrong came with the resignation of some of the society's high officials, one of whom said that his resignation would let him get "a fresh perspective" on the society.

The reported steady drop in membership indicates that many others are also gaining a healthier perspective on an organization built on exaggerated fear.

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## Monitor Mistaken Birchers Alive

Editors, The News:

Charlotte

Fortunately, the editorial writers of The News are capable of writing much better editorials than those they sometimes republish from other papers. Unfortunately, The News sometimes makes a poor selection from another paper. One example is the reprint from the Christian Science Monitor (1-11-68 in The News) entitled "Birch Society Fails." You could just as easily have found the same substance in almost any issue of "The Worker." More specifically you could have found it in the October 8 issue of Komsomolskaya Pravda, published in Moscow by the Communists there.

A former Chief of Police of Salt Lake City, W. Cleon Skouse, also a 16 year FBI veteran, says that he was told by a former member of the Communist Party National committee as follows: "The Communist leaders look upon the stamping out of the John Birch Society as matter of life and death for the Party."

The Monitor editorial is not only filled with lies, but it is self-condemning. If the society were, in fact, a failure, there would be no need for any newspaper to "beat the dead horse."

As for the implication that the actions of Earl Warren should not be questioned, I would like to point out a few things. The most recent of a long list of pro-Communist decisions by the Earl Warren court, held that Communists must be permitted to work in U.S. defense industries. By carrying this fantastic interpretation further in the same direction (and undoubtedly, the Warren court will do just that), Marshall Ivan Yabubovsky could not be denied nomination to the Joints Chiefs of Staff of the U.S. merely because of his long association with the Soviet army. Naturally, a Mafia official would have to be given a position in the FBI. In short the Warren court believes that it is criminal discrimination to deny the job of sheep dog to a card-carrying wolf.

The Monitor falsely claims that the society is declining in influence. Perhaps the Monitor does not know that the Society delivered petitions to the Congress containing over half a million signatures, asking them to exert their authority and use their influence to have the administration stop, promptly and completely, giving aid in any form to our Communist enemies. The petition drive continues. The fact that such aid to the enemy is being continued by Washington officials is only an indication that the Society needs more help from good Americans to get this treason stopped.

The news stories of the demise of the John Birch Society are no more than wishful thinking on the part of Pravda, The Worker, and The Christian Science Monitor.

—W. I. VAN BUREN

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# Local Bircher Says Wallace Can Have Spot On N.C. Ballot

From Observer Wire Reports

A Charlotte restaurant owner and leader in the local John Birch Society said he had gathered enough names already to insure that former Alabama Governor George Wallace will be on the presidential ballot in North Carolina.

Reid Stubbs said he had more than 14,000 names on an informal petition. "We can get that formalized very quickly," he said.

North Carolina requires the signatures of 10,000 voters to form a new political party and win a place on the state ballot.

Stubbs said that Wallace supporters picked up several thousand signatures four years ago in a similar drive, but didn't press their case for getting Wallace on the ballot, because Wallace decided against running.

Stubbs said Wallace would be in North Carolina in a couple of months after winding up a drive to get his name on the ballot in Ohio.

Stubbs wrote a campaign song for Wallace and he and other members of the local Birch Society have been carrying "Wallace For President" bumper stickers on their cars for months.



John Wardell Jr. of Jamestown has announced he will file as a candidate Thursday as a candidate as N.C. Commissioner of Labor.

Wardell will oppose incumbent Frank Crane in the May 4 Democratic primary.

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**Gardner Statement**

RALEIGH — Gubernatorial candidate Jim Gardner said today he might have a formal statement this afternoon on a news report about him and the John Birch Society. The report, first carried by a Winston-Salem newspaper, said the Republican congressman once signed a petition which was part of a national campaign of the John Birch Society. Gardner said he didn't know of the John Birch connection and if he had known he wouldn't have signed the petition.

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The information herein was obtained [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and accordingly extreme care should be taken in disseminating this information or in referring to it in any interviews with Klan members.

Informant stated that [REDACTED]

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These activities by informant were on his own initiative and with the purpose of [REDACTED]

On 2/1/68 Agent telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] at Asheville to let him and Asheville Agents be aware of the fact that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was pointed out that so far as known no definite arrangements for appearance of [REDACTED] had been made. SA [REDACTED] stated that there was a [REDACTED]

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Serial 157-5000-65 contains the results of interview with [REDACTED] and it appears very likely that he is the individual referred to herein. [REDACTED]

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On 1/29/68 and 1/30/68, [redacted]  
[redacted] who is connected with the John Birch Society,  
said that [redacted] had been to see him on Friday, 1/26/68.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

It was learned that [redacted]  
[redacted] and LYNCH had told [redacted] that [redacted]  
doing right in the organization and that LYNCH had or was  
going to take away the Kleagle position and red robe that  
goes with it from [redacted]. This statement by LYNCH was made  
while he [redacted] were talking in a restaurant in a public  
place and it is not known who else may have heard it. It is  
pointed out that [redacted] is not a member of any Klan organization.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 2/23/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

On 2/21/68, H. E. WILLIAMSON, Chief of Police, Wilmington, N. C. reported JULIA BROWN, is scheduled to appear in Wilmington on 2/27/68, sponsored by the American Opinion Library, John Burch Society. It is Chief WILLIAMSON understanding JULIA BROWN is being brought here as a result of the MARTIN LUTHER KING's appearance in Wilmington. KING was originally scheduled for 2/29/68, but it has been announced he would not be able to be here on that date, so his schedule has been changed to 3/7 or 23/68.

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# Birchers Get in on Extremism Workshop

By BEBE MOORE

A church-sponsored workshop on extremism got a taste of John Birch Society tactics at Edenton Street Methodist Church here Tuesday.

Six or seven members of the right-wing Birch society, scattered throughout the crowd of around 200, interrupted the invited speakers and took advantage of questioning periods to assert their own views.

Two members of another right-wing group, the Action by Citizens Committee, got in on the action by distributing literature condemning the speakers.

The North Carolina Methodist Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns sponsored the workshop. It was designed — according to Dr. Cecil Robbins,

president of Louisburg College, who presided — “to focus on the extreme right.” The church should be concerned about extremism on the right, Robbins said, because it is responsible for “the sharpest criticism levelled against respectable churchmen, clergymen and laymen (and wages) an attack on our democratic institutions and our way of life.”

Sherman Harris of Richmond, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League (educational arm of the Jewish civic organization B'nai B'rith), told the gathering that the goals and tactics of the extreme left and the extreme right are similar.

Harris defined an extreme rightist as “a zealous believer in a fanciful notion that an evil conspiracy is close to controlling almost every aspect of our lives.” These extremists support their “conspiracy theory,” he said, with “some truth, much falsity, and limited perception. They think there is a simple answer to every problem: the Communists are responsible.”

When Harris mentioned the John Birch Society, Arthur S. Lyon of High Point rose in the audience and announced that he is a member of the Birch Society. “Sir,” he said, “you have just labelled me an extremist.”

“Sir,” Harris replied, “if you are a member of the John Birch Society, you are an extremist.”

The John Birch Society, Harris said, is the “intellectual wellspring of the groups on the radical right.” He described some tactics of the organization — recruitment of members in times of reaction to social change such as integration; use of fronts, such as the TRAIN petition calling for an end to trade with Communist countries; infiltration of democratic organizations including the P.T.A.; distribution of smear literature.

Harris named a number of other rightist groups. When he came to the Ku Klux Klan, he

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mentioned a meeting in Virginia at which Birchites and Klan members worked together.

At this point, the John Birch Society was again heard from. Harry W. Seldon, Virginia coordinator of the Society, rose in the back of the room. "Sir," he said, "I think I can explain that meeting."

Seldon launched into a discussion of the murder of a Negro boy somewhere in Virginia.

In addition to Lyon and Seldon, other members of the Society who identified themselves were William Outlaw of Fayetteville, North Carolina coordinator of the John Birch Society; and Chris Smith, section chairman of the Raleigh Section of the John Birch Socie-

ty. Outlaw described himself as "a super patriot and a star-spangled extremist." He said at the conclusion of Harris's presentation, "Sir, I think you are a very effective tranquilizer for the Communist conspiracy."

Other invited speakers were Charles R. Baker, executive director of the Institute for American Democracy in Washington, and Dr. Henry McCanna, of New York, director for church and community of the National Council of Churches.

Baker discussed the "mental attitudes of the true believers of the radical right."

"These people are, for the most part, sincere," Baker said, "but they are misguided."

They tend to believe that the ends justify the means, and will even rewrite history to serve their purposes."

Baker pointed to racial problems and "the peace issue" as two areas in which the radical right now works to bring "polarization of attitudes." "The heart of the democratic process," he said, "is our ability to disagree based on facts and reason . . . I find nothing which has helped the Communist achieve their objectives more than the effort to use the cry anti-Communism against them."

At this point in Baker's speech, Seldon said, "Sir, you have attacked anti-Communists. Who are you defending?"

Baker replied, "I am defending the American middle ground — the broad middle

ground of responsible conservatism and responsible liberalism."

Dr. John Lewis, pastor of First Baptist Church, received hearty applause when he expressed his views on the John Birch Society: "My deepest concern with the John Birch Society is that when they say in the Blue Book (statement of Society doctrine) that we must use Communist techniques against Communists, they are serving the Communist cause. . . . When you use fronts and deception, you have already embraced the evils that Communists stand for."

He concluded, "They (the John Birch Society) haven't given us any constructive, positive solutions to problems we have had since before Karl Marx was born."



Arthur S. Lyon



Charles R. Baker

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4/1/68

SA JOHN W. WORSHAM

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 3/31/68

telephonically contacted SA JOHN W. WORSHAM at his residence and advised that he, [redacted] had received information that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, President of the SCLC, was to make a speech at Kafer Park, New Bern, N. C., at 5 p.m., 4/4/68.

[redacted] admitted member of the John Burke Society, advised that [redacted] Mrs. JULIA BROWN, whom he described as an "under-cover agent for the FBI in the Communist Party," to make a speech at the Craven County Courthouse, New Bern, N. C., at 8 p.m., Tuesday, 4/2/68. He stated that Mrs. BROWN had accepted this invitation.

[redacted] stated that he had found whenever JULIA BROWN had made a speech just prior to a speech by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, KING had canceled out his speech.

[redacted] dinner and reception for Mrs. JULIA BROWN at the Metropolitan Club, New Bern, N. C., at 6:30 p.m. on 4/2/68. He stated the reason for contacting SA WORSHAM was that he wanted police protection for Mrs. BROWN. [redacted] was advised that police protection is in the hands of the local authorities, and he stated he would cooperate with the Craven County Sheriff's Office and the New Bern PD. [redacted] advised that he personally wanted to extend to SA WORSHAM an invitation to the dinner and reception at 6:30 p.m., 4/2/68 at the Metropolitan Club to

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meet and hear Mrs. BROWN. SA WORSHAM declined this invitation telling [redacted] that he had "prior commitments."

For the information of the SAC, the Metropolitan Club is under investigation under the Civil Rights Act, 1964 -- Public Accommodations. This case is mentioned [redacted]

[redacted] COMPLAINANT; [redacted]  
[redacted] ET AL - VICTIMS," Charlotte file 173-327, Bufile 173-3411. It should be noted that the U. S. Department of Justice has recently filed a complaint against the Metropolitan Club charging them with violation of Public Accommodations - Civil Rights Act, 1964, in the USDC, New Bern, N. C.

The foregoing is being submitted in that it was believed that [redacted] intended to embarrass SA WORSHAM by inviting him to hear Mrs. BROWN and in that the Department of Justice just filed a complaint against the Metropolitan Club.

An FD 302 is being prepared for Charlotte file 173-327 and will be included in the next report about Mrs. BROWN, a Negro, being given a reception and dinner at the Metropolitan Club.



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April 29, 1968

On April 27, 1968, Saturday, a rally was held at 8 P. M. at Durham, North Carolina. Approximately one hundred fifty to two hundred people attended this rally, which was held off of Geer Street Extension [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was evident that approximately two-thirds of the Klansmen at the rally, including the Security Guardsmen, were carrying weapons of all descriptions. Some of the Security Guards were carrying rifles with scopes on them and everyone seemed to be pretty worried about the rally and upset about the threats which had been made.

The speakers, in order, were as follows:

A local chaplain who opened the rally with a prayer

A man running for the North Carolina House of Representatives, Mr. JOSEPH HIGH

A man who recently joined the UKA whose name is Mr. GLENN GORNTOR (Phonetic)

SYBIL JONES, wife of Grand Dragon J. R. JONES

RICHARD TYSON from Wadesboro, North Carolina, or Anson County, North Carolina

J. R. JONES, Grand Dragon of North Carolina.

A collection was taken up [REDACTED]

Before the rally speeches began, Mr. JOSEPH HIGH was talking to BOB JONES and a group of other man and he said if he was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives,

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the first bill that he wanted to introduce, which he did not think would be passed, would be to outlaw the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and any other civil rights organizations and hate groups. He said that even though he knew it would not get passed, he would like to have the bill introduced from the floor because it might make some people think as the only talk they heard was talk of banishing or outlawing the Klan in North Carolina, and nothing was ever heard of banishing these other organizations.

During the time that Mr. GLENN GORNTOR (Phonetic) was speaking, someone set off about two large firecrackers out near the road, which sounded just like gun shots. This seemed to alarm everyone, including BOB JONES, and the Security Guards were running all over the place trying to find out who set the firecracker off. Everyone seemed to be kind of nervous, thinking that something was going to happen and the atmosphere was somewhat different from previous rallies last year.

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[REDACTED]

The number of people that the Klan is losing seems to be increasing because of dissatisfaction with the organization. BOB JONES has stated on numerous occasions that someone is going to quit and join [REDACTED] group. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as one of those who was going to quit the Klan because BOB JONES told him he could not have a streetwalk at this time. [REDACTED] said he would just join [REDACTED] group.

Also present at this rally was a local man with a red robe on, who lives in Durham [redacted] and also a member of the National Knights of Atlanta, Georgia. Upon orders of J. R. JONES, [redacted] and a couple of Security Guard members threw this man off the property because he was not wanted there.

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STUBBS was supposed to speak Saturday night, April 27, 1968, in Anson County, North Carolina, at a rally supposedly to be held by [redacted]

[redacted] STUBBS' name was on the posters as being a speaker for GEORGE DORSETT. [redacted]

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It was learned that in many counties throughout the state, members of the Klan are working to get the petition signed for GEORGE WALLACE. In Winston-Salem, a gentleman reportedly told a group of men at the Rally in Durham, that they get up at eight o'clock in the morning and work until six o'clock in the evening for this petition, averaging about three names a minute being signed to the petition.

It was reported that there was going to be a rally in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on April 28, 1968, Sunday, in the afternoon.

It seems that the turn-out at the rallies being held now is small [redacted]

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